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Albany Woman Escapes Abductors in South Bay

By Will Tizard and
Adele Berlinski

ALBANY—A 32-year-old Albany woman called police Tuesday after being kidnapped and repeatedly raped at gunpoint to tell them she had escaped, said Police Chief Larry Murdo.

"The girl is alive and says she has been the (victim) of multiple rape at gunpoint," said Murdo in a telephone interview. Police were en route to a Santa Clara County location where the woman said she was left when she called a 911 at 1:20 p.m., said Murdo.

"She staggered to somebody's house," said Murdo, explaining that the victim first called her sister and then Albany police. Officers were sent immediately, said Murdo, adding that Santa Clara County lawmen were also en route.

The victim was to be examined for evidence before being released, her family said Murdo.

Santa Clara County is expected to conduct the criminal investigation on rape and kidnapping charges, he said, but Albany will continue with its own investigation. The department already has several leads, he said, but declined to elaborate.

The kidnapping occurred at 6:40 a.m. Jan. 9, according to the chief, when the woman was visiting a friend in the 1200 block of Alamo Avenue.

Murdo said he has urged the

family to be patient while the investigation takes its course. "The one thing I want is the guilty parties," he said.

She was standing in front of her 1978 Audi which was for sale when two men nearby told the woman her lights were on and then said they wanted to go for a test drive. The woman got into the car with the men.

Murdo said a witness described the first man as a white male in his early 30s, about 6-foot-1, with a slender build, short blond hair and a thick mustache. He was wearing a jean jacket and pants.

The second man was described as a white male also in his early 30s, about 5-foot-8, with a medium build and short brown hair combed back.

Murdo said the woman's family told police her disappearance was atypical and that she had never left her residence for an extended period without leaving word of where she was going. Her disappearance was reported by a friend.

Murdo said the department is putting together a composite drawing of the two men with the help of a witness and will distribute it to police departments statewide.

The search for the woman was initially delayed by confusion over her exact location, but Murdo said pickup of the woman was imminent as units searched a larger area.



Racetrack Sale Official with \$41M Buyout

By Chris Treadway

ALBANY—The familiar blue and gold message sign along the Eastshore Freeway will soon change to a red and orange motif and the sign will have another name added — Ladbroke. The opening of the 1989 racing season Jan. 25 marks the beginning of a new era at Golden Gate Fields, which has been purchased by the racing division of Ladbroke Group PLC of London for \$41 million.

The change in ownership, which had been in the works for several months and was awaiting the approval of GGF stockholders, was made official Jan. 4 at a press conference at the Hyatt Regency in San Francisco.

The document finalizing the sale was signed by officers of Ladbroke Racing and the president after the meeting. "The Albany branch has the biggest per

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Former Albany Police Honoree now a Drug Suspect

By Will Tizard

ALBANY—The man who eluded police four hours after a drug bust went wrong Thursday was no stranger to Albany police or to readers of *The Journal*. Angelo Gilbert, 27, was interviewed after risking his life to rescue a woman from the clutches of a purse snatcher in August. For his heroism, he was also given a

commendation by the Albany police department before a City Council session for his heroism.

Gilbert, who lives in Albany, was arrested Jan. 5 after being shot three times by police only to escape and turn up again at Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley. State and local investigators had spent months setting up a drug buy with Gilbert, who was to have sold

\$150,000 worth of cocaine—about eight kilos—to undercover agents.

The set-up went wrong, however, when Gilbert allegedly tried to rob the undercover agent by forcing him into his car. A gun fight allegedly ensued in which the agent knocked a .38 caliber handgun out of Gilbert's grip, prompting the suspect to run

from about 30 other agents now closing in.

After drawing a shotgun, also knocked out of his grip, Gilbert reportedly continued his escape run using a third concealed gun.

The manhunt resulted in the closure of Interstate 80, at the Central Avenue exit and several streets adjoining the set-up location for several hours.

Albany Teachers Reach Accord with District for 10 Percent Raises

By Juliana Ferraz da Rocha

ALBANY — The Albany school district and the teachers association reached an agreement on a salary increase for teachers Jan. 6, ending several months of tense meetings and emotional debates. The agreement was ratified by the Board of Education at its Jan. 10 meeting. Teachers will receive a 10 percent increase retroactive to July 1, 1988. Eight percent of the increase will come from the district's general fund. The remaining 2 percent will be dependent on funds from Prop. 98 and will be paid only after the receipt of the funds by the county.

According to Dale Hudson, district superintendent, the board was able to provide the 8 percent increase only because of additional lottery funds. Lottery funds were higher than what we had

budgeted for," he said, "and that was what made an 8 percent increase possible."

"The board extended itself an awful lot in order to provide this salary increase," he added. "All parties are anxious to get on with normal school operations. We are all relieved."

"We are happy the tension is over," agreed Gene Davis, president of the Albany Teachers Association. "We are far from our goal, but we feel that this agreement was a step in the right direction. I must say, however, that it has never been so difficult to communicate with board members. The teachers do not feel the trust that they used to."

The agreement was reached after a Jan. 6 meeting between the California Teachers Association budget expert and Janice Smith, the district's business manager. On the same day, the district

told teachers that it had been notified that its share of lottery funds was more than the district had anticipated. From then on, negotiations accelerated and a tentative agreement was reached.

Davis said the association had been on the verge of considering a strike when the new offer was made by the district.

The previous offer of 7 percent was long argued by the district to be the most it could afford. At the Jan. 6 meeting, however, budget analysis from outside the district indicated enough resources to provide a higher offer to teachers.

Any amount above the initial 8 percent increase will come from Prop. 98 revenues not already designated for other uses.

If no such Prop. 98 funds are received for the 1988-1989 fiscal year, the next year's teacher's

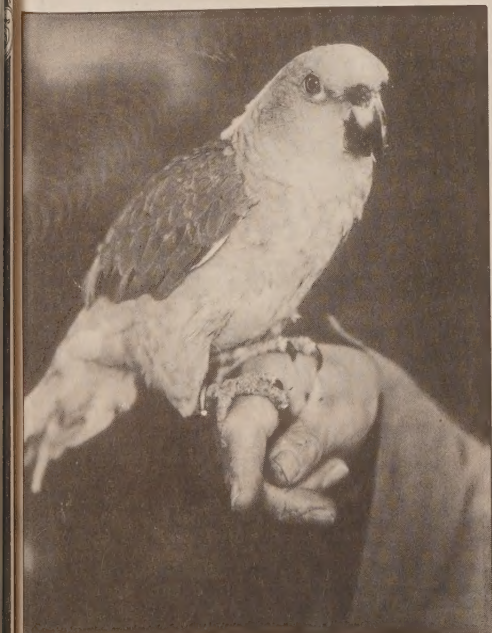
salaries will be adjusted downward, according to the agreement.

The Albany Children's Center staff will be entitled to a pay increase only if their enrollment is tallied into the district total, the agreement states. The amount of Prop. 98 revenue available for teacher's salary increases is dependent in part upon district enrollment figures.

If the center's enrollment is not considered part of the district's, a center staff salary increase will come only as the result of revenue the center earns on its own.

One provision of the agreement also makes it possible for a teacher to seek a decrease in class size from the district when it is clear that the number of students is interfering with "adequate teaching of the established curriculum."

Not Just For the Birds



This Yellow Nape Amazon is just one of the wild assortment of the feathered pets sold at House of Birds. For the full story, see page 4.

Council Moves Toward Acquiring Hospital Site

By Adele Berlinski

ALBANY — The City Council moved one step closer to buying the old Albany Hospital building when it established a public improvement entity to sell bonds if the sale goes forward.

The council, at its Jan. 10 meeting, also passed three separate ordinances relating to the purchase of the hospital, which the city hopes will be the new home of the Albany Library. One ordinance created the Public Improvement Authority. The authority, to be headed by the council, will oversee the sale of revenue bonds to buy the building.

A second ordinance authorized that maintenance assessment funds originally earmarked to build a community center at Middle School Park be used to purchase the hospital building instead.

A third ordinance allows the authority to receive lease payments from the city.

For the last several months the council has been negotiating with real estate agents at Coldwell Banker to purchase the 24,000-square-foot building for a library-community center. Mayor Ed McManus said the city has signed a purchase contract with

Coldwell Banker that sets forth a price and conditions of the sale.

McManus said the building will cost between \$900,000 and \$1.1 million.

Last month the council allocated up to \$25,000 for consultants who are inspecting the building for asbestos, potential seismic problems, and determining the soundness of its plumbing and heating systems, McManus said. Their reports, which should be ready by the beginning of next week, will be used to determine the final dollar amount the city offers Alta Bates for the building.

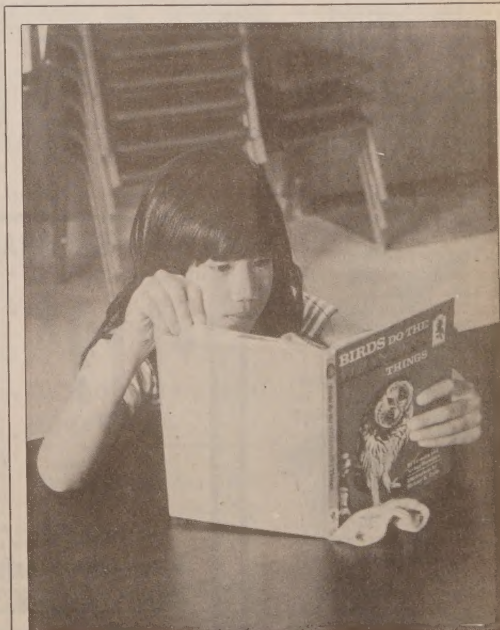
McManus said he is confident the sale will go through.

"I'm real optimistic that we'll be able to come to an agreement with Alta Bates and we'll be able to close the sale by the end of February," he said.

McManus said the city is in dire need of more library and recreation space. The present Albany Library is a 3,300-square-foot building on Solano Avenue. The community's recreation needs are met by the senior center and a clubhouse at Memorial Park.

"The county library folks, by any standards you use, said the Albany Library should be about 10,000 square feet," McManus

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TLC, Fairmont Style

Fairmont School second grader Tattiya Kliengklom discovers strange facts about birds during a quiet moment at the Fairmont childcare center. See page 8 for more on the successful center.

Police Report

HoHo and Snickers thief eludes capture

By Christina Smith

The following is a summary of crimes and incidents occurring in El Cerrito over the past week, according to police:

Big and little losses

- Someone broke into the locked storage box of a vehicle parked on Key Boulevard Jan. 3 and stole \$1,934 worth of tools.
- A man walked the aisles for a few minutes at Atlas Liquors on San Pablo Avenue Jan. 3, then grabbed a Hostess HoHo Creme Cake and a Snickers candy bar and ran away.

Strange cargo

- Someone entered an unlocked vehicle parked on Carquinez Avenue Dec. 29 and stole a Nikon camera, lens and flash attachment, an air rifle, black leather gloves, and a buck knife.

Breaking glass

- The plate glass window of a restaurant on San Pablo Avenue was smashed by vandals Dec. 29.
- The plate glass window of an unoccupied bar on Potrero Avenue was broken by vandals Dec. 31.

Assaults

- A man walking on the BART right-of-way by Fairmont Street Jan. 5 was approached by man who asked for help, then grabbed him by the lapels and demanded his change. The victim pushed him away and escaped.
- A woman is being sought for assaulting a man she had been fighting with by scratching him with her fingernails Jan. 7.

Fast food thieves

- A suspect attempted to buy food at MacDonalds Jan. 2 with a \$1 bill modified to look like a \$20 bill.

Penny-ante thief

- Someone entered a residence on Liberty Street Jan. 7 and stole \$10 in pennies and a Sony cube clock radio.

Lethal Weapons

- An officer conducting a search of a man loitering in the Idaho Hotel parking lot Jan. 4, discovered a wooden billy club concealed in the man's jacket.
- A van pulled up alongside a woman standing in front of the police station at San Pablo and Manila avenues and a man inside the van brandished a revolver, then drove off Jan. 1.

Wallet thieves

- A light-fingered thief at Long's Drug Store stole wallets from the purses of two women waiting to pay for their purchases Jan. 3.

On The Calendar

Photographs by Gregory Nybo will be on exhibit at the El Cerrito Open House Senior Center on Jan. 15 from 2 to 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The color prints (*Cibachrome*) are mostly nature studies featuring California landscapes and scenes from the artist's trips to Europe, Canada and Mexico.

The Albany YMCA on Kains Ave. will hold an *Open House* all day on Jan. 14 with complimentary classes in aerobics, yoga, kindergym, gymnastics and basketball and samples of their current activities for adults and children. New classes start the week of Jan. 16.

No pre-registration is necessary.

For further information call the Y at 525-1130.

The Olde Firehouse Senior Center has classes and entertainment for seniors every day of the week at 5801 Huntington Ave. in Richmond. Dancercise, oil painting, fancy needlework, cards and ceramics are among the activities available.

A special free talk on *Community Resources for Estate Planning* will be

given by Ruth Atkin, coordinator for senior information and referral, on Jan 18 at 12:30 p.m.

For more information about the Olde Firehouse call 620-6812.

Kensington Library's winter series of *Picture Book Time* for preschoolers begin Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. and will continue each Tuesday afternoon through March 21. Each program lasts about a half hour.

The Kensington Library is at 61 Arlington Ave. Open hours are Monday and Tuesday 1 to 9 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m.

A **Stop Smoking Clinic** is offered by the American Cancer Society beginning Jan. 16 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital in Richmond. Classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays for five sessions. A \$20 donation is requested. For reservations call 525-6801.

El Cerrito Recreation continues a variety of classes for adults and children as the second section of the winter schedule begins. Register any time at the Commu-

ty Center for ballet, basketball, calligraphy, dog training, judo, pottery, tennis, weight reduction, yoga and more. For information call 525-6748.

The Berkeley/Richmond Jewish Community Center present health and fitness classes including gentle exercise, hatha yoga, Israeli folk dance, hiking and more. The center is at 1414 Walnut Berkeley. For more information call 848-0237.

The El Cerrito Library presents *Picture Book Time*, a reading program for preschoolers ages 3 to 5 on Tuesdays at a.m. through March 14 and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. through March 16. Children aged two to five meet Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. for *Toddler Time* to hear stories and look at picture books. All programs are free.

The library is at 6510 Stockton Ave.

The El Cerrito Community Center is offering three ballroom dance classes starting Jan. 12.

Beginning tango meets Tuesday nights 7:10 to 8:25 p.m. starting Jan. 17. Intermediate tango also meets Tuesday nights 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. starting Jan. 17. To register call instructor Belinda Rickles.

Mysterious filmmaker wanted for questioning

By Adele Berlinski

The following is a summary of crime and incidents occurring in Albany over the past week, according to police:

Suspect sought

- The principal of Cornell School in the 900 block of Talbot Avenue reported a white male taking pictures of children in the playground during recess with a video camera Dec. 6. When approached, the man departed in a black and white vehicle. An observer took down the license plate number which was registered to a man living nearby. Police are attempting to contact the man for questioning.

Glass smashed

- A woman was driving west-

bound on Brighton Street at Kains Avenue Jan. 7 when her driver's window was hit by a piece of concrete, causing \$300 damage.

Accident

- A Richmond man drove his Buick Skylark into a tree Dec. 7 when his brakes failed in the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue. No injuries were reported.

Burglaries

- An in-dash stereo was taken from a car parked at Albany Bowl Dec. 7. The burglar gained entry by smashing a left rear window and unlocking the driver's door.
- A bicycle attached to a sign pole on Kains Avenue north of Solano Avenue was stolen Dec. 6. The bicycle's value was estimated at \$350.

- An AM-FM cassette radio valued with two tapes at \$215 was removed from a car parked on Posen Avenue Dec. 6.
- Police report an unknown suspect pried open the rear window of a residence in the 800 block of Washington Street Dec. 3 using a garden trowel. The suspect made off with coins and jewelry.

Masked marauders

- A woman in the 800 block of Madison Street called police to report a possible prowler in the yard. Officers responded and were able to surround multiple masked perpetrators in the form of a family of racoons that reluctantly fled the trash can upon the arrival of responding officers.

Letters to the Editor

Have letter, will repeal

Editor:

Elderly tax payers will have a large increase in their income taxes starting Jan. 1 caused by the catastrophic Medicare law passed by the last Congress.

The new catastrophic Medicare law will increase income taxes for people over 65 up to \$2100 more per year. Study indicates very few benefits will be obtained from the new law.

Therefore, elderly voters are writing to their Congressmen requesting repeal of the law that imposes the income tax increase on elderly people. A large number of protests are needed to let members of Congress know that the law is discriminatory.

Representative Ron Dellums' address is 1720 Oregon St., Berkeley, 94703 or 2136 Rayburn Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20515.

Senator Pete Wilson is 720 Har Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510 and Senator Alan Cranston is at 112 Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

These members of Congress need to know your thinking regarding this law. Write to them expressing your views.

George L. Gate
El Cerrito

Salvation Army coverage enlightens

Editor:

Your recent article on the Salvation Army was a wonderful public service. They keep such a

low profile that I wasn't aware of all the good work they do.

You have raised my con-

sciousness considerably and I am most grateful.

Ray Ries

Tabloid-like article offends reader

To The Journal:

I found the placement of the two page one stories in your issue of Dec. 27 interesting, in a grim sort of way. The hangover cures article complete with three column photo at the bar took up most of the page.

The excellent Salvation Army story describing the Army's efforts to help alcoholics and other addicts fight their way back to life was given one column on page one—although of course it carried over.

Still, I have to wonder about your editor's priorities. Does he

think people drinking until they get sick are cute? Either the editor is very young, say at the arrested adolescent stage, or he or she was trying to make a subtle point that somehow I missed.

Indignantly
Anne Bell

Aversion to front page placement

Editor:

In your issue of Dec. 27, you ran a front page article on cures for hangovers. This is something I would expect to see in a super-market tabloid, not a responsible community newspaper.

Perhaps an article on the

dangers of drunken driving would have been more appropriate. After all, the best cure for a hangover—which of course you didn't mention—is not to get stinking drunk in the first place.

Steven Bishop

Editor's note: The hangover and Salvation Army stories were assigned and laid out by the Montclairian editor Nancy Kieffer for a once-a-year joint issue of that newspaper, the Berkeley Voice and The Journal. The above letters were forwarded to those newspapers as well.

Chamber News

By Fern Luoma

The Albany Chamber of Commerce and Golden Gate Fields are sponsoring a special pre-season mixer/cocktail party to celebrate the opening of the track's 43rd season of thoroughbred racing.

Guests will gather at Golden Gate Fields' Turf Club at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 17. There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and special drink prices of \$1.

The gathering will also correspond with the Albany Day at the Races program. The track and the Chamber co-sponsor this popular event each year offering non-profit organizations the opportunity to raise funds through ticket sales. The tickets are for the drawing of prizes, discounts on admission and a reserved seat at the track on Feb. 4 only and a \$2 discount on a large pizza at the Round Table Pizzeria.

Guests should enter the parking lot on Gilman St. and go to the top of the hill to the parking lot and Turf Club entrance.

Guests should RSVP by 5 p.m. Jan. 13 by calling 525-1771 or 525-1850. RSVP's are appreciated but not required.

A day at the races

The Chamber-sponsored Albany Day at the Races is scheduled for Feb. 4 at Golden Gate Fields. Tickets have been mailed to all Chamber members giving the opportunity to win valuable prizes.

Prizes are a compact disc, courtesy of Golden Gate Fields; His and Her Seiko watches from Richard's Jewelers and Golden Gate Fields; a three day-two night stay in Reno, NTT Travel; a Fitlab membership courtesy of Evan Flavell; dinner for four at the Casablanca Bar & Grill; three floral arrangements from Albany Florist; four Albany Pasta Fest dinners at the Royal Cafe; a \$100 saving bond each from the Bank

of America, Mechanics Bank and Sumitomo Bank; Albany T-shirts and sweatshirts from the Albany Little League.

Chamber members are urged to return the stubs with their check made out to the Chamber as soon as possible and phone the Chamber for more tickets and to make arrangements for window posters.

Golden Gate Gallops

The Morning Workout Show (Golden Gate Gallops) is offered on Feb. 4. This weekly program is sponsored by Golden Gate Fields to educate racing fans about the thoroughbred industry.

Every Saturday morning during

the racing season at 8 a.m. a com-

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dirt-filled dump truck clogged two lanes of eastbound Interstate 80 in El Cerrito from 11:45 a.m. to 2:20 p.m. Friday.

The truck overturned and spilled its cargo just east of the Potrero Avenue exit.

Bells could toll for '976' phone call service

Bay City News

A preliminary decision by an administrative law judge of the Public Utilities Commission would spell an end to "976" toll service. The proposed decision rejected settlement between Pacific Bell, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates and the Information which asked expansion of toll call services and an increase in toll call rates. Gregory Wheatland, Public Utilities Commission administrative law judge, determined

last month that the settlement did not go far enough in providing for the public interest.

Pacific Bell initially implemented the Information Access Service, or 976 service, in 1983 for use by businesses wanting to convey pre-recorded information over the phone.

Businesses can provide a variety of information including the better known dial-a-porn numbers through the service.

Dick Fitzmaurice, Pacific Bell spokesman, says that, in an effort to deter unauthorized use of the

976 numbers, especially by underage youths, Pacific Bell applied early last year for a "900" area code that would act as a protective umbrella for these toll calls.

He says Pacific Bell sought settlement with the Division of Ratepayer Advocates and Information Providers Association after difficulty in the implementation of the 900 service.

He says although Pacific Bell would prefer not to offer the 976 service to dial-a-porn businesses, a court decision, in an earlier first

amendment case, prevents any discrimination on those grounds.

Wheatland's rejection of the proposal said the settlement did not jibe with current information services legislation and that it did not make a significant contribution to ratepayers or provide necessary consumer safeguards.

Wheatland's opinion also called inadequate the method used by Pacific Bell to inform customers of their right to a refund in the event of an unauthorized call.

His decision ordered that customers be provided an option for blocking the 976 service.

State, insurance companies dispute aftermath of Prop. 103

Bay City News

A California Department of Insurance hearing in San Francisco last week fell short of resolving a conflict between the state and four insurance companies over the interpretation of Proposition 103.

The hearing was intended to enforce a cease and desist order against the insurer. No decision was made on the order, which would prevent the insurer from refusing to renew current policies. An order is expected sometime later this month.

The four companies, all subsidiaries of the Travelers Insurance Group, were charged in December with unlawfully refusing to renew auto insurance policies after discontinuing service in the wake of Proposition 103's passage.

Approval of the proposition called for lower insurance rates and other changes in the state's insurance industry.

As a result of the legislation, Travelers Insurance Group immediately applied with the state Department of Insurance to withdraw private passenger auto insurance service in the California market.

The group of insurance providers includes the Travelers Indemnity Co., the Charter Oak Fire Insurance Co., the Traveler Indemnity Co. of America and the Phoenix Insurance Co.

According to the insurance group, nearly 22,000 policyholders would be affected by the withdrawal and would have to seek insurance elsewhere.

The argument between the state Department of Insurance and the auto insurer derives from a difference of interpretation of Proposition 103 concerning withdrawal of auto insurance service.

Attorneys for the four contend Proposition 103 does not touch the issue of discontinuance of auto insurance service by withdrawal.

They argue that the majority of policies threatened by non-renewal were originated prior to Proposition 103 and call the

department's application of the law retroactive and unfair.

"It is not appropriate to order the insurance company to stay in the state," the attorneys said.

The Department of Insurance, however, said that the withdrawal and subsequent non-renewal of insurance policies does not comply with stipulations of Proposition 103.

Proposition 103 says that either cancellation or non-renewal of auto insurance is effective only if a premium has not been paid, if some sort of fraud affects the policy or if the insured poses a significant increase in liability.

Attorneys for the Travelers Insurance Group said at the outset of the hearing that they expected the issue to be resolved that day.

"We are right," said one attorney. "We came for a decision today."

They said a quick settlement would better serve the public interest. Deputy Insurance Commissioner John Faber said that the matter would be taken under consideration but that rumors of a final decision at the hearing were unfounded.

He said it was not within the power of the hearing board to issue a final order.

State Senator Alan Robbins, chairman of the Senate Committee of Insurance Claims and Corporations, recommended the Department of Insurance merely enforce the cease and desist order.

He said an immediate decision would not leave motorists in jeopardy, driving without insurance or having to turn to higher priced insurance companies. The case is expected to be ultimately decided in the state courts.

He called the blanket refusal by the insurer to renew auto insurance policies intolerable. If one insurer is able to leave, Robbins said, then others will follow, creating a snowball effect.

Attorneys for the insurance group did say, however, that they would abide by the decision of the Department of Insurance while they take the case to court.

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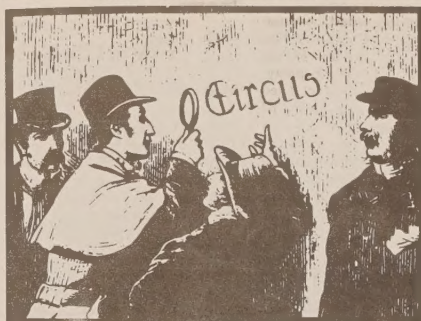
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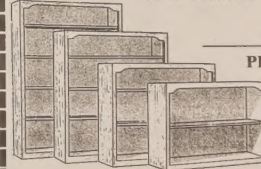
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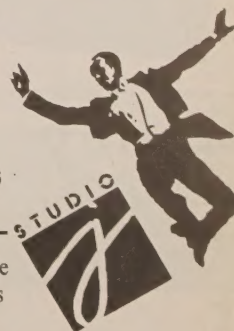
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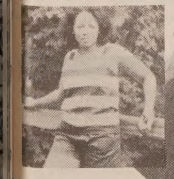
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Newsmaker's Dossier

By Christina Smith

The newest member of the El Cerrito City Council is used to doing more in a week than most people do in a month.

After years of working full time, serving on numerous committees and raising a family, Mae Ritz was selected in October to fill former Mayor Anna Howe's position on the council.

She now approaches that job with the same energy and spirit she has brought to such groups as the Cancer Society Board, Children's Hospital of the East Bay

When Ritz learned the council position was open, she submitted an application after discussing it only with her husband, not knowing who else had applied.

"I had always been interested in the council, and when the position became available I thought we needed to have someone who cares, who's seen the city go through changes. I wanted there to be someone who represented the average citizen."

The council vacancy arose when Howe announced her resignation after a 10-month bout with cancer. Howe had intended to finish her term on the council while

EC Council has a new style — putting on the Ritz



Mae Ritz relaxes from her busy schedule as the newest member of the City Council.

Perhaps because of her skills in public relations, Ritz appears able to mend any rift; her charm and confidence make any problem seem solvable. Her main goal on the council is to use those abilities to represent what she believes to be the interests of residents.

and the El Cerrito Junior Women's Club as well as the Parks and Recreation Commission, of which she was a member for eight years.

"I find that I need to be involved. When I'm not, I find I'm not bored — but I tend to be at loose ends. Being involved keeps me young and enthusiastic," she said.

undergoing treatment but decided after missing several key votes that the council needed someone who could devote more time to it.

Ritz has lived in El Cerrito since 1960, and now has two grown children, a son and a daughter. She moved to the Bay Area from her native Florida, and has attended Contra Costa College and Cal State Hayward,

where she earned a paralegal certificate.

This is the first year in a decade that Ritz isn't taking classes; rather than trying to complete a course of study, she takes whatever classes interest her.

Although she doesn't claim to have many hobbies, her husband enjoys sailing and they often go out together on a boat owned by her brother-in-law.

This year the council position has proven to be "like a second, part-time job," she said, on top of her full-time job as a public affairs representative for Alta Bates Hospital.

In addition to the numerous meetings she attends, she spends a weekend afternoon before each

council meeting going over information about each agenda item. "A lot of the issues are very complex, and I'm probably spending more time than other members because the issues are new to me," Ritz said. "Right now I'm reading everything that comes to me, and I'm hoping to be up to speed sometime next month," she said.

She is pleased to find that individuals on the council work well together, and she herself believes strongly in the importance of compromise. "Unless it's something you feel strongly about, something that's going to have great impact, I think it's better to go with the group," she said.

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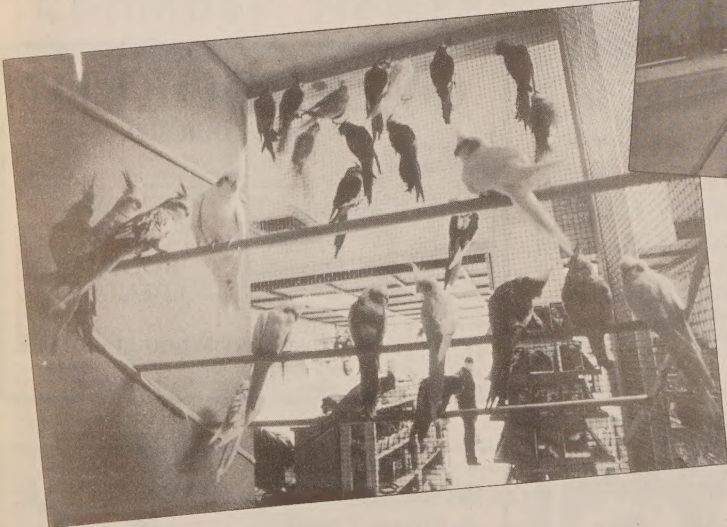
to mend any rift; her charm and confidence make any problem seem solvable. Her main goal on the council is to use those abilities to represent what she believes to be the interests of residents.

"We're an aging city with a population where many people know what's going on, whether they sit in at council meetings or not," she said.

Still, there is room for improvement in the council's representation, she said. "I think we need to have more communication with the community. We're definitely trying," she added, citing a public forum held in December to help the council develop a profile of an ideal new

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Whistle while you work is tune at House of Birds



Above, House of Birds owner Donald Chin greets a Blue Front Amazon and receives a playful nip in return. Left, cockatiels line a back cage in the boisterous bird shop.

By Barbara Davidson

It's for the birds all right — right down to the phone number, 528-BIRD.

Not a cat, dog or hamster in sight. The custom-built aviary filled with dozens of small birds is reminiscent of Hitchcock's film, *The Birds*.

House of Birds, in El Cerrito Plaza, which opened its cage in

December, offers 20 different kinds of birds, some of which come in four or five varieties.

There is a budgie for every budget, from the zebra finch at \$8.95 to the blue and gold macaw, now sale-priced at \$2,500.

For the parrot fancier there's a yellow nape Amazon which says, "Mama", "papa", "hello" and "gracias", the result of once being owned by Hispanics, and the Congo African Grey, the most talkative of the species.

For those who desire a bird easy to breed in captivity, there are the cockatiel, the finch and the parakeet.

According to owner Donald Chin, while the parakeet is popular, cockatiels are what he sells the most. "It is a medium sized bird with a beautifully colored crest, is very gentle, easy to raise, easy to breed and sings beautifully," he said.

Chin can train small birds to sit on a customer's finger right away. It takes a few days to train larger birds to perch on a human arm. "People like to buy birds already tame," he said, "because they can play with them and because they are easier to train to talk." On command one of the parrots jumped onto his finger and kissed him on the cheek.

He will clip the wing at a customer's request to facilitate

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Pertinent financial information for the layperson from local accountant Jaime T. Fukumae

Know your rights with the IRS

In 1776 our country's forefathers thought it wise to have a Bill of Rights to protect the civil liberties of its citizens. Over 200 years later, Congress has decided to pass a "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" to assist citizens in their dealings with the IRS. This new law is part of the 1988 Technical and Miscellaneous Revenue Act (TAMRA).

The "Taxpayer Bill of Rights" covers situations between the taxpayer and the IRS from the moment of contact through (if necessary) the sale of a taxpayer's property to pay a delinquent tax.

At the initial stage of con-

tact by the IRS, a taxpayer must be given Publication No. 1, "Your Rights As a Taxpayer", which details a taxpayer's rights and the obligations of the IRS in audit, appeals, refund and collection matters.

Only in the case of a formal summons is a taxpayer required to be present during an audit. And during the audit if the taxpayer wishes to halt the process at any time, he or she may do so for purposes of consulting a tax advisor. A taxpayer has the right to make an audio recording of the audit interview, as does the IRS.

If the audit process fails to resolve the tax delinquency and

the collection division gets involved, there are new rules that deal with liens and levies.

First, the taxpayer's personal residence is generally no longer subject to levy and the amount of other personal property and wages exempt from levy are increased.

Second, before the IRS can begin proceedings to sell a taxpayer's property for tax deficiency, it must now give a full 30 days notice in place of the former 10 days notice. Last, the taxpayer may appeal to the IRS for a release of lien. In the event the IRS fails to release a lien (where the tax is paid or bond is posted), the taxpayer may sue for damage.

getting acquainted with the bird without obligating the customer to buy it.

Most of the birds are originally from South America and Australia. The love bird is from Africa, the cockatoo from Indonesia.

Chin gets his birds from dealers, importers or bird farms in the Los Angeles area. When they are shipped to him by air, they are fed vegetables high in water content such as celery, to compensate for the fact that they are not served water in flight. Without water, a bird will die in 24 hours.

Chin's prices are about one-third less than pet stores carrying a variety of creatures because

Medicare patients dropped Gun brandished to recover stolen car

Bay City News
Alameda County Supervisor Perata is calling for a federal investigation into a private health care organization's decision to drop out 11,000 Medi-Cal patients. Perata says 9,000 county residents will now have no recourse but to use already over-crowded county facilities. Maxicare, one of the state's largest health maintenance organizations, said it would no longer serve 11,000 Medi-Cal patients, in large part because of the cost of the crack cocaine epidemic.

Perata said he will ask Congress to investigate the failure of Medi-Cal to provide care for a growing number of patients in California. He said Medi-Cal patients now have nowhere to turn for medical care except underfunded and overcrowded county hospitals.

Perata said the county will first see the impact of Maxicare's decision at the emergency room doors of Highland Hospital in Oakland where the supervisor held a news conference recently to blast the HMO's decision.

Bay City News
The California Highway Patrol reported that a Vallejo man will probably be charged with brandishing a weapon in connection with his unorthodox method of retrieving his stolen truck. A CHP spokesman said Michael Wright, 45, last week apparently spotted his pickup truck, which was reported stolen Jan. 1, heading westbound on the Interstate 80 onramp at Appian Way in Pinole. Wright followed the truck to the University Avenue exit in Berkeley where heavy traffic was stopped.

Wright parked his car on the right side of the roadway, the spokesman said, took out a .22 caliber rifle and walked to his stolen truck which was stopped in the fast lane.

The spokesman said Wright pointed the weapon at the driver, Eric Staudinger, 23, of San Pablo, who got out of the pickup and ran away. The spokesman said Wright chased Staudinger toward Gilman Street where Staudinger apparently got away from him. Wright went back to his truck on the freeway and waited for officers to arrive.

Berkeley police were called by several people to report the incident.

The CHP said some of the calls were made on car phones. Wright was detained at his stolen truck by Berkeley police officers. The CHP caught Staudinger near Gilman Street, the spokesman said.

Wright was released on his own recognizance. Staudinger was taken into custody by Berkeley police on suspicion of auto theft and being in possession of stolen property.

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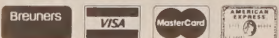
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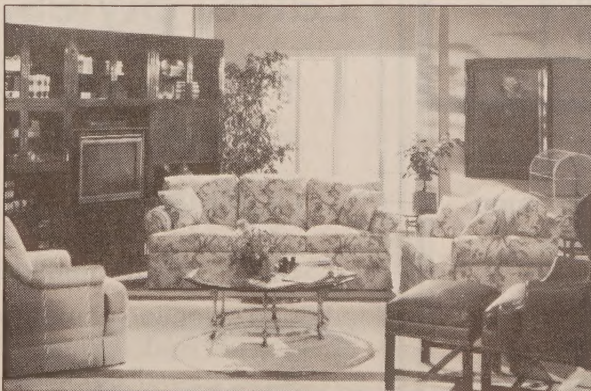
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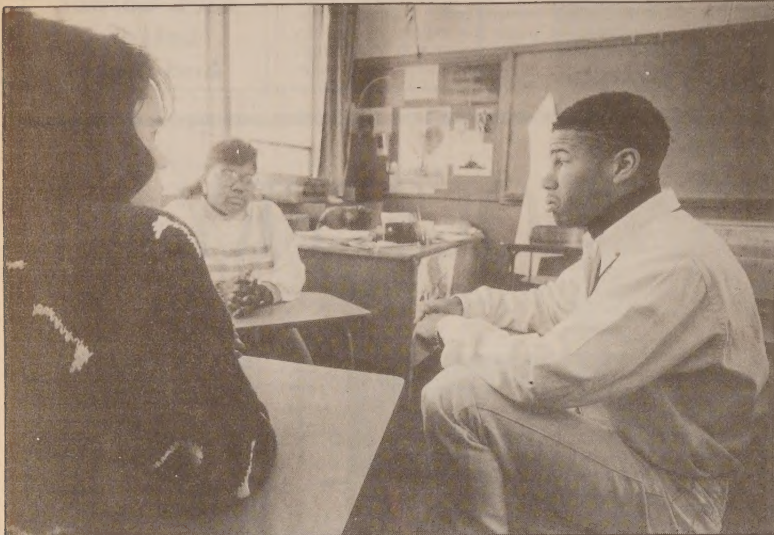
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From one student to another

Fistfights diffused, tiffs patched up in unique student-run program



From left, Aliza Ormeo and Alisha Calhoun listen to Tiayadi Day during a role-playing exercise in the successful student program.

By Adele Berlinski

EL CERRITO -- El Cerrito High School senior Tiayadi Day remembers two girls on campus who were headed for a fistfight. "These two girls knew each other since before junior high school and they lived next to each other," said Day. "One girl got mad at the other girl for stealing her boyfriend. And their friends were boosting up the problem."

But an innovative peer counseling group called Conflict Management intervened in the dispute and now both girls are friends again.

"If it hadn't gone to conflict management, there would have been a fight," said Day, who is the group's president.

Conflict management was designed around the premise that high school teens are best suited to understanding and solving each other's problems, said teacher Karen Simontacchi the group's supervisor. Student counselors are chosen for their maturity, empathy and willingness to help others.

"It's not easy to become a conflict manager," Simontacchi said. Out of a group of almost 125 candidates recommended by teachers and deans last year, 15 finalists were selected after extensive interviews.

The student counselors undergo a three day training process in which they learn techniques for cooling down explosive

temper and getting kids to front their anger, fear frustration.

"We try to get feelings out of the person to alleviate the tension that person has," said sophomore Aliza Ormeo.

Usually a teen will be referred to the counselors by a teacher, Ormeo said. That's the conflict managers go to. The student is first interviewed by two counselors.

"We have certain rules," sophomore Alisha Calhoun said. "No mad dogging (insults), no mouthing, no threats, no violence."

If another student is involved in the dispute, a second person

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Waste video probes daily toxic sources

Employees of the Contra Costa County Health Services Department, community members, industry and the cities of Pinole and Hercules produced a 22-minute video, *Too Close for Comfort*, on household hazardous waste. The video was recently awarded the 1988 Western Access Video Excellence Award from the National Federation of Local Cable Programmers.

The award spotlights local community programming produced in the Far West Region which includes California, Nevada and Hawaii. Entered in the government category, it was produced by community volunteers but was put into the professional group by the judges because of its excellence.

The video focuses on ordinary household items, cleaners, paint, sprays, pesticides and automotive products. It suggests safe substitutes for toxic products as well as describing proper handling and disposal of toxics people use.

Using fewer household toxics and handling them correctly daily will improve the environment. With fewer toxics fewer toxic dumps and treatment centers would be needed. Dangerous transportation of toxic materials on city streets would be diminished.

The film points out that, although county hazardous material planning focuses on the larger problem of industrial hazardous wastes, household toxics are still a major concern. Teachers and community groups can use the video and an accompanying brochure to educate about household toxics. Libraries throughout the county will use and display these materials.

Those interested in the video and other materials for display or as educational material call Rolinda Baker at the Health Services Department Prevention Program at 646-6511.

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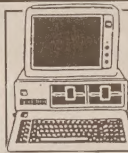
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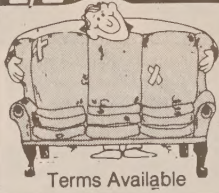
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...ors talks to that student in the room. Then the two teams exchange students for another counseling session.

...ly, the two students are in the same room. But they are not allowed to talk or must face away from each other. They speak only to the counselors in the room at that confrontations are held. Once the spat is patched, the students sign a contract in which they agree to certain rules of behavior.

...most of the kids think that they will not get suspended by the school, said Calhoun. But she said that most of the angry teens end up working out their problems. They have a 90 percent success rate, she said proudly.

...ent counselors seek help when they come across serious problems in the course of their work.

If there is any mention of a pregnancy, drugs or violence toward another student, the counselors must tell a dean or the school principal. The same goes for a student who has been physically abused at home, although Ormeo said that situation has never come up in the three years the program has been in place at El Cerrito High.

However, the student counselors are equipped to intervene in a wide variety of situations.

"If they have family problems, we let them know it's not their fault and somebody cares," Ormeo said.

The three teen counselors said their work is effective because they understand their friends' problems in a way no adult can.

"A lot of people feel adults don't understand them. We're not an adult here. We're not go-

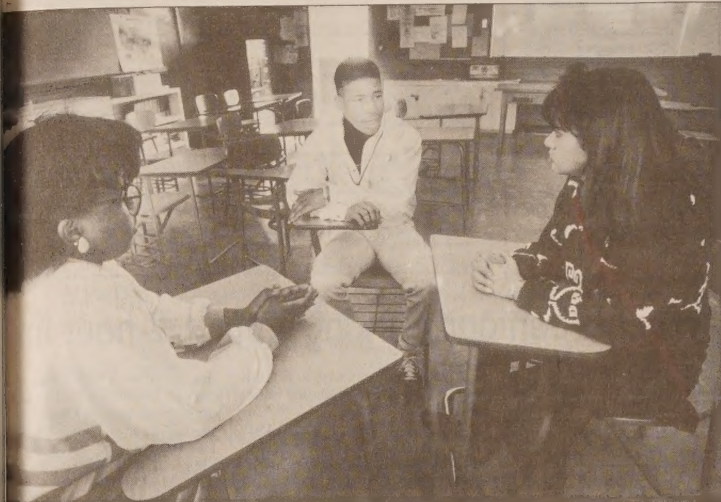
ing to judge anybody," assures Calhoun.

In addition to helping their friends, the students said their work as management counselors has taught them to handle their own problems more effectively. Day, a football and baseball player who hopes to become a physical therapist after graduation, said he uses his counseling technique frequently.

"I use it all the time," Day said. "Around the school, people use me as a role model. I don't do petty things. I try to use my energy constructively to help people."

Calhoun said her work has helped her face her own prejudices.

"Conflict management has taught me a lot about people and not to be quick to judge," she said.



Another day of conflict resolution at El Cerrito High School: Alisha Calhoun, left, and Aliza Ormeo, right, surround Tiayadi Day, president of the innovative student program.

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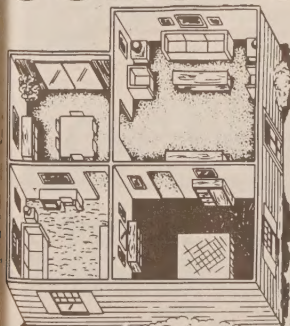


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Schools Calendar

Richmond Unified School District

Jan. 16 is a school holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Jan. 20 is the end of the second quarter. Elementary students will receive their report cards on Jan. 27 and secondary students on Feb. 3.

The phone number for the Richmond Unified School District is 234-3825.

Castro Elementary
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Call the school at 234-6200.

Fairmont Elementary
University Lab
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 19: Marine World Assembly, 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., auditorium
Jan. 19: Site Council Meeting, 7-8:30 p.m., Teachers Room
Call the school at 525-5235.

Harding Elementary
Gifted-Talented
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 19: PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 1
Jan. 21: Pizza Fundraiser, 8 a.m. to 12 noon at Hometown Pizza and preordered pizzas may be picked up from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
Call the school at 525-0273.

Kensington Elementary
Gifted-Talented
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 18: Picture retakes
Call the school at 526-7343.

Madera Elementary
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Call the school at 235-4499.

Mira Vista Elementary
Classical Studies
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Call the school at 232-4064.

Adams Middle School

Gifted-Talented-International-Futures
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 23: Student Holiday (Teacher workday)
Call the school at 235-5464

Portola Junior High

Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 19: PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 156
Jan. 23: Student Holiday (Teacher workday)
Call the school at 524-0405.

El Cerrito High

Visual/Performing Arts/Humanities
Jan. 12: Junior/Senior Potluck, 6:30 p.m., cafeteria

Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Jan. 18: Mathletes at Pinole Valley High

Jan. 18-20: Dance Concert, 8 p.m., Little Theatre
Jan. 21: Forensics Tournament

Jan. 23: Student Holiday (Teacher workday)
Call the school at 525-0234.

Kennedy High

Math/Science/Technology
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 18: Mathletes at Pinole Valley High
Jan. 20: Senior Dinner Dance, 8 p.m., Blue Dolphin

Jan. 23: Student Holiday (Teacher workday)
Call the school at 235-2291.

Parochial Schools

St. Jerome's School
Jan. 12: Noon dismissal (Faculty meeting)
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 19: Noon dismissal (Teacher Inservice)
Call the school at 525-9484.

St. John's School

Jan. 12: Spellathon begins
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 19: Noon dismissal (Teacher Inservice)

Jan. 23: Spellathon pledges due
Call the school at 234-2244.

Albany School District
Jan. 16 is a school holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The school district phone number is 526-6441.

Cornell Elementary

Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 18: Lawrence Hall of Science Mathematical Mystery Tour Assembly, 8:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m.
Call the school at 525-7873.

Marin Elementary

Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 19: Site Council Meeting, 7:30 p.m., library
Call the school at 527-2033.

Vista Elementary

Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 17: PTA General Meeting, 7 p.m., library
Call the school at 526-2191.

Albany Middle School

Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Call the school at 526-2884.

Albany High School

Jan. 13: BSU Assembly
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Jan. 18: Mathletes at Pinole Valley High
Jan. 20: Dance
Jan. 23-26: Special schedule for finals
Call the school at 525-7131.

MacGregor High School

Continuation School
Jan. 16: School Holiday (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Call the school at 524-9364.

Gaucha Corner

By Andy Liu

Price peps up lethargic seniors

By Andy Liu

Talented leadership put juice into the class of 1989 and kicked off the new year with a spirited rally ... Gaucha style.

At the Gauchos' first rally of 1989, the seniors, surprisingly, were somewhat quiet. It must have been a bad case of vacation lag. Take that with a dash of senioritis as the second semester approaches and you have your quiet bunch of seniors whose thoughts are far from school.

The talent of Doug Price brought the juice back into the Class of '89. Price, who is heard on the daily announcements over the loudspeakers, was the spokesman at the rally.

Price, with his unique talent for getting crowds loud, did just that with a special speech to the restless Class of '89. Price reminded them that their year to graduate after four long years is finally here. The class promptly responded with energy, joy and loudness. Price pumped up the classes of '92, '91 and '90 as well.

The hard-working leadership class put together a rally fit for the new year containing the traditional spirit yell, introduction of the young, and promising, wrestling team and introduction of the girls' basketball team, which is undefeated at 11-0. He then introduced the boys' basketball team whose record is an im-

pressive 11-2.

The rally ended with an exciting Slam Dunk Contest performed by the male hoopsers with overpowering, yet sweet slam dunks from all.

Major computer thefts

Computers at the school were stolen over the Christmas vacation.

On Dec. 24 several computers were missing from Room 500 in the north wing. Police, who arrived at the scene and surrounded the school, discovered a broken window in Room 500 but no signs of any possible suspects.

The new computers were purchased from grants which Anna Blackman, former principal of El Cerrito High, worked so hard for. Room 500 is known as the Yearbook and Journalism room.

The room contained six new MacIntoshes, four regular and two SE's, as well as four computer mouses, over 50 computer disks and one Apple LaserWriter printer. Everything was taken except some old Apple Plus computers. The estimated value of the stolen goods is \$20,000 to \$25,000. Even worse than the monetary value is the loss of computer disks containing important information and lots of hard work. They contained stories, essays and all the layout information that the yearbook and newspaper staff have done so far for the 1988-89 year. All the disks taken represent work to be redone.

Not much is known at this time about the culprits but the investigation continues.

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Demolition derby over with OK of ordinance

By Adele Berlinski

ALBANY -- The City Council passed a long-awaited demolition ordinance and approved personnel changes in the police department at its Jan. 3 meeting.

Under the new ordinance, a property owner must obtain a demolition permit before removing a building. An owner who demolishes a structure without obtaining the necessary permit can be fined \$10,000. A residential property owner can be fined \$20,000 for each unit illegally demolished.

In addition, a performance bond will now be required to ensure that all work, including disposal of hazardous materials, is completed. The bond will cost between \$10,000 and \$50,000. The public works director will determine the amount of the bond.

The measure was first proposed as an urgency ordinance Dec. 5, but failed by one vote and was returned to staff for modifications. In its original form, the measure would have required property owners to first obtain a building permit for a replacement structure before a demolition permit for an existing structure could be granted.

But developers and property owners complained that securing a building permit -- which entails the submission of detailed drawings, expensive engineering reports and soils tests -- could cost a developer thousands of dollars that would be wasted if a demolition permit was subsequently denied.

Under the approved ordinance, a building permit is no longer needed prior to demolition. However, the planning and zoning commission must approve conceptual plans for a replacement structure.

Planning Director Claudia Cappio said after the meeting that the ordinance, which takes effect Feb. 2, "gives the city a little bit more control over demolition. With buildings so dense and close together, it gives the city a review procedure so it can see what will be built there."

"Prior to the ordinance, if you didn't like a house, you could tear it down and not replace it with anything," Cappio said.

Formerly, she said, the city followed Uniform Building Code guidelines for demolition which were less stringent than the new ordinance.

In other business, the council unanimously approved a reorganization of personnel in the police department at the request of Police Chief Larry Murdo—but not before Murdo and Councilmember Robert Nichols argued about the arrangement.

Murdo asked the council to approve hiring a part-time property room controller, replace a full-time clerk typist with a part-time clerk typist, and maintain a part-time administrative aide to provide clerical, purchasing and administrative support. The move effectively replaces one full-time and two part-time workers with three part-time workers.

Murdo said the changes would save the city more than \$10,000 a year, but Nichols questioned the necessity of the restructuring.

"What confuses me is that we continue to change hats in the police department," Nichols said. "The communications clerk was supposed to oversee property."

Nichols also said Murdo was generating needless paperwork by having his department type up reports that could be written by hand and suggested the department use the same forms that are used by the California Highway Patrol.

Murdo answered that detailed, typewritten reports were more effective when used as evidence in court and bristled at Nichols' suggestion.

"With all due respect, I'll decide which forms are used in my agency," Murdo said.

Despite his disagreement with Murdo, Nichols voted for a motion approving the restructuring. The motion included a review of the department's operation in six months, required Murdo to supply a job description of the administrative aid, and asked for a report regarding forms that are used by neighboring police agencies.

In other business the council:

- Approved the appointment of Michael McQuiston as probationary police officer. McQuiston joins the 29-member force after having worked for a security firm and having served as a military police officer.

- Accepted two gifts to the city from Dario Meniketti. One check for \$200 was donated to benefit the proposed library and community center, and a \$10 check was donated for next year's Christmas party.

while students were on Christmas vacation. The thief had pried open a window and stolen six Apple computer terminals, a laser printer and two boxes holding 50 disks each, police said.

The equipment, estimated to be worth over \$15,000 by police, was used by the yearbook staff and the school newspaper.

answer on that. Santa Fe has expressed an interest in developing its land. Ladbroke has expressed an interest in staying here. It will be even more of a hot issue in the next five years."

Sexton added, "(Ladbroke) certainly wouldn't have made that type of investment if it didn't feel there was a future in California horse racing."

The Citizens for an Eastshore State Park, an environmental group opposing the Santa Fe development proposal, has come out in favor of leaving the track in place and adding a limited amount of development adjacent to it. The rest of the site would be devoted to park land and open space.

With only three weeks before the start of the 1989 racing season, track customers will not see many immediate changes, Sexton said.

"We have some plans already in the making," he said. "Our primary goal is to keep our customers." Sexton called Ladbroke "very customer oriented," adding that most of the capital improvements will have that goal in mind.

The most noticeable difference track patrons will see right away are the track's name, which will become "Ladbroke at Golden Gate Fields," and the change to the Ladbroke colors, which are "kind of a red and orange," Sexton said. The colors will appear on the sign next to the freeway, on entryway signs and elsewhere at the facility.

Other improvements will begin to be phased in during the next year. "We won't tear down half the grandstand," Sexton said, "but there will be definite noticeable improvements."

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capita usage for any county library."

A revenue bond issue of \$1.1 million will be used to buy the building. McManus said that if the purchase price is lower, the extra money will be used to finance remodeling work.

In addition to bond revenue, money for remodeling will come from a variety of sources including funds from recently-passed propositions AA and 85, and a \$190,000 grant bequeathed to the city from the estate of a former resident.

McManus said the building appears to be in good shape. According to Planning Director Claudia Cappio, the building, which is bounded by Marin, Evelyn and Masonic avenues, was constructed in 1927 for \$24,000 for

The Trevino's robbery took place Jan. 7, as employees were closing for the night. A robber hiding behind a pick-up truck in the parking lot pushed past an employee at the back door and entered the restaurant about 2:45 a.m., said El Cerrito Police Detective Sgt. Jack Wood.

Ladbroke, the world's largest operator of off-track-betting facilities and one of Europe's top 50 companies, has 65,000 employees worldwide. Its interests include retailing, property development and operation of the overseas arms of Hilton Hotels.

The firm owns the Ladbroke/DRC (Detroit Racing Course) in Michigan, off-track-betting operations in Wyoming and off-track racing operations in Western Pennsylvania. The corporation's European counterpart has about 1,800 betting operations in the United Kingdom and Ireland and another 1,000 in Belgium. It also has a 20-year franchise to open 500 betting operations in the Netherlands.

Golden Gate Fields, which quickly established itself as Albany's largest single source of revenue when it reopened after World War II, had record patronage during the 1988 racing season, largely due to the successful expansion of satellite wagering.

Attendance on-track and at satellite locations was 1,451,243 in 1988, a gain of 11.1 percent over 1987. The total betting receipts, or handle, was \$283,541,871, an increase of 10.7 percent over '87 figures.

Sexton said Golden Gate Fields and San Mateo's Bay Meadows, the Bay Area's other racing facility, are working together to make horse racing a viable entertainment alternative.

"Both tracks have realized the need to work together to promote racing in general in the Bay Area," he said.

GGF completed a \$3 million capital improvement program two years ago and Bay Meadows recently finished a \$10 million upgrade.

By Mandy Erickson

KENSINGTON -- A group of Arlington merchants, complaining that tight parking is hurting business, has asked the Kensington Community Service District to reduce the parking limit from two hours to one.

"The holidays really brought the problem home," said Don Bruschera, who jointly owns two shops in the small business district.

Bruschera came to the Jan. 3 KCSD meeting with a petition signed by almost all of the merchants with businesses east of the Arlington center divider.

On busy days, Bruschera said, customers often drive around and around the center divider before they find an open space. He added that shoppers have complained to him about the lack of parking.

A one-hour limit would discourage people who work in the district from parking in front of the businesses, said police Lt. Leonard St. Onge. If employees park further away on Arlington or on the side streets, customers can park near the shops, he said.

King Day too costly, but observance OK

By Christina Smith

EL CERRITO -- Councilmembers heard a presentation by El Cerrito NAACP president Charles Wilson about Martin Luther King Jr. at its meeting Jan. 3 and voted to move the next council meeting to Tuesday, Jan. 16 in observance of King's birthday, which falls on Monday.

Wilson had asked last year that the city declare a holiday on King's birthday, but the council agreed such a move would be too expensive. Instead, the council agreed to reschedule their meeting and look into a Human Relations Committee as an alternate means



Joey Dias, a Fairmont first grader, enjoys a little friendly competition with childcare center member Eden O'Brien during snacktime at the thriving center.

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And, merchants say, accessible parking will bring in more customers.

KCSD members said they would consult a Contra Costa County traffic engineer before making any changes in parking limits. The board members said they wanted to consider all options for changing parking rules.

"I wonder if we've done everything we can to enforce the two-hour limit," added James Bray, general manager of KCSD and chief of police.

The two-hour limit is enforced 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. It applies only to the parking east of the Arlington divider and to the spaces in front of the Kensington Style House hair salon and Mason-McDuffie Real Estate. The lot west of the divider is for all-day parking.

The two-hour limit fails to discourage employee parking. St. Onge said that some employees watch for their tires to be marked, then move their cars. Bruschera said that the police mark tires at 10 a.m., then at noon, and all the employees know the routine.

Bruschera said that if the police

marked tires every hour, parkers couldn't get around the tickets. But St. Onge said the police department can afford to take so much time to mark tires.

"I would like to see a meter," St. Onge said. "Money would pay for some enforcement it more."

Not all the merchants support the one-hour limit. McManus said he would like to park in the area for more than one hour.

Remi Ricoporte, owner of Kensington Style House, said that customers need more than one hour to get their hair done.

"Even now we are a business because of the parking," she said. "I hope they don't take it away."

Art Cramer, who lives on Amherst Avenue near the business district, said that the parking limits are "good for merchants and bad for residents."

"They're going to try to do it elsewhere and Amherst is the elsewhere," he said.

of honoring the slain civil rights leader.

The Human Relations Committee, which would foster communication among ethnic groups in the city, is still in the works.

In other business, the council authorized city staff to apply for two state grants which would be used to improve Cerrito Vista Park and increase the city's childcare services.

If awarded, the childcare grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the state Department of Education would be used to establish an after-school tutorial program. The funds would be used to train and pay a stipend to high school students and adults willing to tutor

elementary and junior high school students at the city's care facilities.

If awarded, the grant to improve Cerrito Vista Park would amount to \$70,000 from the state and would be used to set aside under recently-passed Proposition 70, the California Wildlife, Coastal and Park Conservation Act.

The money would be used for complete improvements to the park begun last year. The work done so far, including a new playground area and paved parking lot, was completed with an \$111,000 grant. Work still to be done includes installation of a basketball court, drainage and landscaping.

GGF...

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dents of Pacific Racing Association and Bay Area Sports Enterprises. PRA and BASE have operated the facility since it reopened in 1947.

"We are delighted that Ladbroke is now a participant in California racing, which certainly is the industry leader in America," said Peter M. George, Ladbroke executive chairman of UK and International Racing at the signing. PRA President Kjell Ovale and BASE President Melville Marx took part in the signing.

The sale again raises questions about the facility's long-term future.

Ladbroke (pronounced "Ladbrook") inherits a lease for the track site with the Santa Fe Pacific Realty Corp. that expires in 2002. Santa Fe is adamant that the track will close at that time so that work on the final phase of the development it has planned for the Albany waterfront can begin.

When it signed an agreement extending the track's tenancy to 2002, PRA and BASE agreed to release portions of the land it now uses for parking and stables at Santa Fe's request.

Santa Fe would then be able to begin work on the preliminary stages of its proposed development that would include a hotel, offices, housing, retail space and a park.

A new Draft Environmental Impact Report on Santa Fe's development proposal is due out early this year.

Asked about the future of GGF, Steve Sexton, the track's marketing director, said "Nobody seems to have an immediate

Sports In Action

Gauchos hoopsters easily outshoot Pinole, avoid overconfidence trap

By Molly Absolon

EL CERRITO -- In a game characterized by control and accuracy, El Cerrito High School defeated Pinole Valley 71-38 in the Gauchos Bay Valley Athletic League home opener Jan. 6.

"I was afraid the team would be out overconfident, but they played a good game," Gauchos coach Chris Huber said.

The victory brought the Gauchos record to 12-2, 2-0 in the Bay Valley Athletic League. Pinole dropped to 3-14. El Cerrito retained its ninth place ranking in the East Bay Prep Writers League.

The real test for us is going to come Wednesday against De La Salle," Huber said. DLS, ex-

pected to be one of El Cerrito's top challengers, hosted the Gauchos Wednesday night in Concord.

Friday's easy victory allowed Huber to give all his players a chance to hit the court and the team's star, senior forward Quentin Youngblood, played only two periods. Youngblood, who averaged 30.4 points a game in preseason, scored 14 against Pinole.

"We had better athletes than Pinole did," Huber said, "They did not handle our press." The Spartans have no players returning from last year's team that won 18 games.

Defensively and offensively, El Cerrito controlled the game. Twice, Pinole's attempts to inbound the ball were foiled by the

Gauchos' hovering defense and the Spartans were repeatedly unable to work the ball past El Cerrito for shots at the basket.

As the game progressed, Pinole's frustration grew. Angry words and an inability to coordinate their efforts characterized the Spartans' second half of play and the game turned into a Gauchos rout.

El Cerrito's game was not dominated by any single player, as Huber shifted the line-up repeatedly to allow all the players time on the court. But the team showed depth and diversity as the Gauchos outscored Pinole in all four periods.

Junior James French led the Gauchos in points with 17. Senior center Ed Knight, who leads the

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Faraji Green glides down the court in a demonstration of the Gauchos' winning style.

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Included in other 880 weekly toppers were Bill Bransford 289-655, Bob Johnson, Jr. 233-651, Chet Jordan 277-646, Warner Freeman 279-641, Bob Coolidge 233-627 and Ed Josephsc 219-614.

In the 930 Scratch Classic League Al Caruso Insurance regained first place by downing O&R Vending 16-9 while Dean Asami Pro Shop dropped a 15-10 decision to Estes Refrigeration, Steve Hoffer 247-629 and Steve Brewer 237-612, to relinquish its brief hold on the top spot.

In other matches, Steve Wichelmann's big 255-694 helped Luau Island Restaurant edge Willis Construction 13-12 despite Dave Volk's 253-660, Rich St. Germain 252-629 and Jim Burrell 254-600 for the losers. Matt Rei's fine 267-685 enable Nakaso Landscaping to break even with Kent's Travel & Tour, Joe Alec 233-637, 12½-12½; and Larry Barnes' 226-628 and Wade Cyrus' 212-605 led ACA to a lopsided 21-4 victory over cellar-dwelling A&L Bowling Supply.

Velma Campbell was a gem of consistency in posting a steady 201-200-196-597 to head the women's 597 honor roll ahead of Delcia Young 212-592, Vee Peace 220-572, Bonnie Meletiou 201-569, Joannie Brewer 212-560, Claudia Bayless 221-553 and 211-551 and Karen Jordan 550. The seniors were led by Gort Davis' 208-584 and Gerard Fisher 561.

Additional league individual highs were 700 Scratch 4's, Dwight Hammons 248-647, Eddie Holmstrom 223-615 and LeRoy Stanfield 213-592; Plaza Mixers, Walter Henry 223-606 and John Fairhurst 246-603; Adam & Eve, Bob Johnson, Jr. 245-640 and Milton Swift 220-599; Brass Rail, Jerry Wood 235-617; OPS, Jim Brewer 218-612, James Williams 226-596 and Clint Robinson 232-592; Friday Nite Live, Woody McGee 246-601; Graphic Arts, AlJoe Mandorlao 204-592; Reno Invitational Jerry Wood 245-629 and Steve Wichelmann 234-608; Commercial Mixer, Darryl Stoudamire 208-597.

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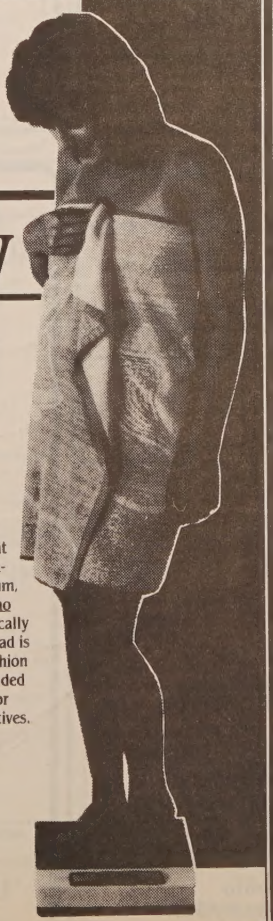
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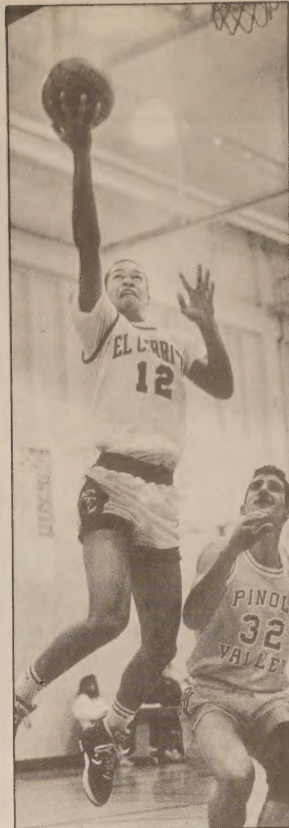
team in rebounds, had seven against the Spartans and junior point guard Okechi Nwumo had 8 assists.

Pinole forward, Jeff Dufre, led the Spartans with eight points.

"This is the best team I have coached at El Cerrito," Huber said. But he added that the team needs to concentrate on playing to their full potential in every game.

"We were overconfident in our game against Clayton Valley, and we ended up winning in the last three seconds," Huber said. The team seems to have learned its lesson against a less-talented Pinole team.

Gaucha James French leaps for a score against Pinole Valley Friday night. French was the top point getter for El Cerrito last week.



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plimentary continental breakfast is served and a guest speaker explains the race track program. The speaker is a jockey, trainer, veterinarian or a management representative who will answer questions at the conclusion of the talk. Hour-long barn tours can also be scheduled on race days. Call Megan Parr, group sales director at 528-7310 for further information.

Chamber People

Terri Scoggins closed The Appetite Shoppe Delicatessen on Christmas Eve to spend more time with her husband, Jim, who retired from Lucky Stores three years ago. Terri took 20 boxes filled with her inventory including utensils, imported wines, soft drinks, crackers, cheese and meats to the Albany Senior Center. She was being pressured to sell at half price but Terri would not have any part of that so she packed everything and gave it to those who need it.

Tina Neylon of Mary and Joe's Sporting Goods, who has fought an ongoing battle with cancer, broke her leg at home and had to return to Kaiser Hospital in Oakland. Her family is at her bedside as much as possible while operating their store.

The Royal Cafe fed 80 Albany senior citizens with the help of volunteers. The cafe prepared a traditional Thanksgiving Day dinner with all the trimmings, including wine, at no charge to the

seniors.

Serving were, from City Hall, John Williams, Director of Special Services; Kim Fletcher, City Treasurer; Claudia Cappio, Planning Director; Hazel Minogio, Recreation Coordinator; Vera Krone and Myriam Heath of the Albany Senior Center; Ruth Meniketti and Ellen Benson, Park & Recreation Commissioners; Diane Armstrong, Meals on Wheels coordinator; Corrine Brennan, an interested person; and, from the Chamber, Elisabeth Bell, Pam Tennenbaum, Fern Luoma and Dario Meniketti.

Christmas party

The Chamber hosted the annual Christmas party at the Mechanics Bank with more than 100 guests attending. Food was prepared by Jewel Okawachi, Pam Tennenbaum and Fern Luoma. Gifts given were donated by Mechanics Bank, Helen's, Gordon's Piano Shop, Tannahill Realty, NTT Travel and Fern Luoma. The party committee was Albany Fire Chief Mike Koepke; Mike Luoma, Albany Public Works Department; Hal Denham, Pam Tennenbaum, Jewel Okawachi, Dierdre Sanchez, Elisabeth Bell, Don Tennenbaum and Fern Luoma.

In the news

Feature stories in The Journal recently, included several Chamber members. They were Ruth Ganong who recently was elected to the AC Transit Board of Directors, Bob Walkup of Ellis-Olson Mortuary; Casablanca Bar & Grill, Royal Cafe and

printed weekly is an article taxes by Jaime Fukumae.

Val Strough Ford Agency moved its new car sales room 990 San Pablo Ave., former location of Computerland.

We are sorry to learn that Chuck Silvera passed away in early December. Chuck was a past president of Chamber and a good friend many who knew him from manager days at Mechanics Bank and the Albany Rotary Club.

New members

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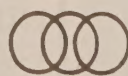
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Multiple mail chief faces stiff one, jail term

Bay City News

The Postal Service says akeley man has been convicted seven counts of possessing identification and stolen mail linked to thefts from five U.S. Postal Service jeeps inameda County.

Postal Inspector Ron Yamato said that 47-year-old Charles Glen Jackson faces up to 35 years in prison and fines of up to \$1.75 million.

Yamato says the two-day trial in U.S. District Court in San Francisco is part of a nine-month investigation by postal inspectors. Jackson was part of a group of people who tried to cash U.S. Treasury Department checks, including Social Security checks, during five separate postal vehicle break-ins in Oakland and Berkeley. The thefts occurred between June 3, 1987, and Aug. 3, 1988.

Yamato says the thieves broke into the parked postal jeeps while carriers were out walking their routes.

One of Jackson's brothers, Abdullah Bismillah, 49, also known as George Edward Jackson, pleaded guilty Nov. 1 to a count of possession of stolen mail and was sentenced to two years in federal prison.

Ritz...

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city manager.

After three months on the council, "I'm starting to relax and enjoy it a little more, not taking myself so seriously about it now. Of course I don't have a constituency yet," she joked. "It's hard to represent people when they don't tell you what they want you to do."

She judges the decisions she makes now knowing she will have to live with the results in the future. "I think we're all aware that the decisions we make now will be with us for many years, especially with redevelopment," she said. "I see this year as a challenging one, and I'm hoping I can grow and learn and serve and be proud of what I've done. I hope ten years from now I won't look on my decisions as bad ones."

Whether she will pursue another term on the council when her seat becomes open again next year remains to be seen. When she was selected, she said, "I looked at it as a year. I'm going to do the best I can for a year. I'm going to give myself a little more time, to see if I'm doing something worthwhile and if I feel I'm adequately representing the citizens."

Ritz' usually positive philosophy shines through almost everything she discusses. "It sounds so simple, but I try to enjoy every day, and do the best for myself and my family, and to be kind. That has kept me at peace with myself."



Mae Ritz is happy with her new responsibilities in the City Council.

Birds...

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Chin buys in greater quantity. "I want to make prices affordable so people can enjoy this kind of animal," he said.

He warranties that, should a bird die within 24 hours after purchase, he will replace it, unlike some stores which will warranty the bird only if the customer purchases the store's expensive vitamins. Chin's warranty is intended to give people confidence. "I want to let them know it is a healthy bird," he said. "After 24 hours people are responsible to keep the bird out of drafts and to give it water."

A few days after a sale, Chin phones the new bird owner at home to see how the bird is doing and to answer any questions. "I like birds and I don't want to hear that they aren't being treated right," said Chin. "If I find out that a bird died a week after purchase, I feel very sad." He also encourages customers to call him if they have a problem.

The only bird Chin will exchange is a canary. "Most people can't tell the difference between the male and the female," he said. "Only a male can sing and only if it is alone in the cage. Sometimes people will bring a canary back and complain because it won't sing. If it turns out to be female, I exchange it for a male."

Chin attributes the healthy size and quality of his birds in part to the bird seed he gives them, which he sells in bulk along with cages,

book and other bird supplies. The seed comes in regular and super formula. He feeds his birds the super.

Chin's interest in birds began as a hobby when his wife gave him parakeets for his birthday four years ago. He then began buying other kinds of birds and learned about them by studying books and talking to knowledgeable people.

He said it's hard to run his kind of business because of the live inventory. "You cannot just go on vacation like a gift shop and put a sign in the window," he said. "Every day someone has to be here, even on holidays. If you don't take care of the birds, they will die."

"We have to keep the temperature at 70 to 75 degrees because birds like heat. It's easy for them to get chilled, especially the more delicate ones like the Lady Audubon Finch."

"We have to clean every day," he said. While he cleans the birds like to sing and Chin likes to sing along with them.

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By Clara-Rae Genser

Doctor eases note-playing aches

By Clara-Rae Genser

"I retired from Kaiser," said Dr. Leonie Jenkins as we met in line waiting to buy our Thanksgiving pies. "But I'm not completely retired. I am doing something very interesting. I am a music doctor."

Just as there is a new specialty of sports doctor, Dr. Leonie Jenkins has found her niche as a music doctor. And well she might. Being a fine musician herself and having a passionate interest in all phases of music, she is in a unique position to know and understand the pains and aches that accompany the playing of various instruments.

An integral part of the or-

thopedic department in the Kaiser clinics for many years, Dr. Jenkins had a loyal and devoted following. In addition to medicine, music has been her great love. In fact she describes herself as one part performing musician, three parts composer and five parts doctor. A unique mix.

Entering her home, one realizes how big a part music plays in her life. Synthesizer keyboards, a large trombone, a French double harpsichord, a concert harp, celtic harp, bass, alto and soprano recorders and a soprano fill the rooms. She brings out a collection of ocarinas of various shapes and sizes, including one with a carved face

and a lovely low tone. Her interest in composing brought her to the centerfold of *Music for the Love of It*, a magazine for music lovers where the andante cantabile for string quartet is featured.

Leonie Jenkins was born in Berkeley and brought up in the home where she now resides, having moved back in after the death of her mother. "I was born here, raised, here, went through the Berkeley schools, Thousand Oaks, Garfield, Berkeley High and UC, and married here," she said.

She was concertmaster of the Berkeley High School orchestra. At UC she studied biochemistry and received her degree in that department.

One summer, between her junior and senior years, she took a course in clinical biochemistry and realized that what she loved in biochemistry was what had to do with people. She was also in the university symphony.

"I was lucky. In UC I had three

semesters of harmony." Once a year a concert was given playing things written by people in the harmony classes. Of course she was part of that. She also studied counterpoint there.

She met her husband on the steps of Wheeler Hall and they married when she was in her sophomore year. He has run the Orientation Center for the Blind in Albany for about 36 years. They have five children.

Leonie did her internship at Kaiser Hospital in Oakland. The hospital there is a remodel of the old Fabiola Hospital where she was born and where all five of her children were born.

Why did she choose orthopedics? A man in Richmond, Tom Flint, Jr., was eager to teach her and she was eager to learn. He was from Dartmouth and a very good teacher. "Orthopods are carpenters with a college education," she laughed. "And one of my grandfathers was a carpenter and one was a butcher. You have to have some sense about struc-

tural stuff and have to know if you put stress here how it will affect you there."

She worked with a group including Bert Inman, one of the hottest ortho researchers doing research on artificial limbs and all attendant problems. She got a grant from the Veterans Administration to study circulation and pain.

She was also able to do a lot of things in terms of diagnostic work-ups. She learned and was the first doctor at Kaiser to use acupuncture. I recently met a woman who told me she was Dr. Jenkins' first patient to receive acupuncture treatments.

She was always interested in patients connected to the music world. At Kaiser she had mostly symphony players who had health insurance there. Many musicians do not have health insurance, she said. "Now I do my thing. If they do not have health insurance, fine. I do it anyway," she said.

She discussed problems pianists have with the muscles in the hands and harpists who have problems with their backs because the way they must sit.

She told of a young girl about 12 years who had a pain. Dr. Jenkins learned that girl used a full-sized violin. She realized the youngster was really big enough to handle the instrument and urged her to practice on the 1/4 size and use the size only for performance. Doctors would not have diagnosed the problem, she said. You have to be a musician yourself, as well as knowing muscular stress, etc.

Music and medicine are tremendous amounts of knowledge and understanding each. A very potent combination making a very fascinating profession.

Send me your ideas and suggestions. Call 525-4585 or write Pierce St., No. 443, Albany 94706.

Calendar...

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The VIP Dining Club meets Monday through Friday from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Brookside Hospital cafeteria and enjoys entertaining and educational programs on Tuesday nights. On Jan. 24 Bill Wilcutts, Lions Center for the Blind, will present a talk, *Living with Vision Loss*. The VIP Advantage is a network of services for people 55 and over.

For more information call 234-8111. Contra Costa College has a new schedule of classes on subjects of interest to older adults. Classes begin Jan. 30 and are free. For more information call 235-7800 ext. 217.

Wendy Lesser, editor of the *Threepenny Review*, will speak at a meeting of the Berkeley Chapter of the California Writers' Club on Jan. 21 at noon at Spenger's in Berkeley. Call Ray Nelson at 526-8356 for reservations.

The Albany Pool starts the New Year off with a splash of new classes full of

fitness and fun. Adult and children's learning and recreational swimming classes are available Monday through Saturday as well as arthritis exercise.

For more information and fee schedules call Pool Director Peggy McQuaid at 526-7386.

The Owner Builder Center presents a 17 session course on *Housebuilding/Remodeling: A Survey of Residential Construction Techniques* beginning on Jan. 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. The course meets twice a week and covers the entire building and remodeling process. For more information call Sydney at 848-6860.

Century, an exhibition of paintings, drawings and sculpture by women artists from the 1880's to the present, will be held from Jan. 20 to March 4 at the Weir Gallery on Solano Avenue in Berkeley. There will be an opening reception on Jan. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Bulbs in Your Garden the Year Around

is the topic guest speaker Wayne Roderick before the Berkeley Garden Club on Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. at the Epworth Methodist Church in Berkeley. Roderick is retired head of the native plant section at the UC Botanical Garden and former supervisor at the Tilden Park Botanical Garden. Call 524-5696 for further information.

LEAP, Literacy for Every Adult Project, Richmond Public Library's adult literacy program, is seeking volunteer tutors. Training programs for tutors begin on Jan. 19. Call 620-6565 for further information.

The Stroz Court: Milan in the Renaissance is the title of an exhibit at the University Art Museum from Jan. 18 to March 12. The exhibition is sponsored by the Italian Cultural Institute.

The Contra Costa County Office of Education sponsors an introductory course on working with preschool children

in nursery schools and child care centers. The two semester course meets state requirements for employment as a preschool teacher.

For further information call 944-3465.

Gardening Between the Covers is the subject of a program by Barbara Worl of Sweetbrier Press at a meeting of the Friends of the UC Botanical Garden on Jan. 14 at the Botanical Garden meeting room in Berkeley. Second hand, garden-related books will be on sale to benefit the Garden. For further information call 642-3343.

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Marguerite Meyer is teaching a series of lessons on the theme *Pull Yourself Together*.

Peace Power Prayer time is at 10:30 a.m. Adult worship service and youth education classes are at 11 a.m. The topic on Jan. 15 is *New Way of Loving*.

Grace Lutheran Church, 15 Santa Fe Ave., El Cerrito. Ralph L. Moeller, Ph.D., M.S.T., Pastor.

Sunday School, a youth discussion group and adult Bible class meet at 9 a.m. Worship service is at 10 a.m.

The West Contra Costa Deaneary of the National Council of Catholic Women will have lunch and grocery bingo on Jan. 14 beginning at noon at St. John's School Auditorium in El Cerrito. Admission of \$4 includes one bingo card. For information call 525-7032.

p.m. Sundays.

Sycamore Congregation Church, United Church of Christ, 1111 Navellier St., El Cerrito. Rev. Dr. Paul Nagano, Rev. Sadao Masuko, Nichigobu minister. 525-0727.

On Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. the annual Shisenkai will be held in Adamson Hall with a potluck family celebration.

Sunday services are at 11 a.m.

Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd., El Cerrito. Rev. Nancy M. McKay, Minister. 234-0110.

Church school for children and for adults is at 9 a.m. Worship for everyone is at 10 a.m.

Excerpts from the sermons of Martin Luther King, Jr., will be interspersed with scripture at the Jan. 15 worship service. A Just Peace Offering will be received to emphasize God's desire for racial cooperation and harmony.

The choir will sing Alice Parker's arrangement of *I Shall Not Be Moved*.

El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. Gary E. Pope-Sears, Pastor. 525-3500.

Worship service on Jan. 15 is at 10 a.m.

Church Notes

Christ Lutheran Church, 780 Ashbury Ave., El Cerrito. The Reverend Martin J. Schaefer, Pastor. 524-1050.

Rev. Schaefer's sermon on Jan. 15 is entitled *God-given Gifts*. Services are at 8:30 and 11 a.m. with holy communion and baptism at the 11 a.m. service. Sunday school is at 9:45 a.m. Coffee hour is at noon each Sunday.

First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Rd., Kensington. Rev. Richard F. Boeke.

At the 10:45 a.m. service on Jan. 15 Dr. Boeke conducts the annual celebration of the birthday of Martin Luther King and King's friend, Howard Thurman, in his sermon, *The New City of King and Thurman*.

At the 9:30 a.m. discussion group Jigme Choder will lead a discussion based on tapes of the late Dr. J. Raymond Cope. Early morning meditation service at 8:30 a.m. will be led by Rev. Luria.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Senior minister Ken Barnes. 526-9146.

Sunday services are at 10 a.m. Childcare and Sunday school is available. Meditation and healing service in the chapel at 6

Business Scene

By Michael S. Holmes

As we begin to fill in our 1989 datebooks with events, parties and 'must attends,' high on many of our lists will no doubt be the January 15 **WINTER WEDDING FAIRE** being held in The Lakeview Club at the top of the Kaiser Center in Oakland.

This will be the season's first and most elegant Wedding Faire. Sponsored by **DOMAINE CHANDON, THE WINTER WEDDING FAIRE** will feature the very special sparkling wines of this world famous winery. Brides will meet 50 of the East Bay's and Contra Costa's finest merchants, see fashion shows by Lafayette Bridal and have an opportunity to attend workshops on wedding planning hosted by the experts from **BRIDAL NETWORK**, all the while surrounded by panoramic views of the West and East Bay.

The wedding professionals exhibit by invitation only and were selected for their high quality and diverse styles. Over 50 vendors will be represented with items that span one of a kind wedding veils and headpieces to wedding cakes decorated to your own secret desire.

The workshops being held at the Wedding Faire are unique in that they will cover many aspects of professional wedding planning that will help the future bride and groom have the most enjoyable and stress-free Big Day possible. There will be 3 or 4 of these 30 minute workshops during the day and seating will be on a first come basis.

Another first at the Winter Wedding Faire will be the availability of mirrored dressing rooms and professional fitters

from Lafayette Bridal so that gowns seen in the fashion shows can be tried on that afternoon.

And while all this is going on tuxedoed waiters will be passing through the gathering with trays of Domaine Chandon wines, wonderfully prepared hors d'oeuvres and wedding cake from the featured caterers.

The day begins at 11 a.m. and continues to 4 p.m. the afternoon of January 15. Fashion show times are 11:45 a.m. and 2 p.m. and the workshop events will be scheduled around them. There will be something for everyone attending including showings by President Tuxedo for the groom-to-be and best man during the fashion show portion of the day.

Admission to The Winter Wedding Faire is \$7.50 at the door and \$5.00 in advance through the Bridal Network. There will be free parking provided. For additional information and ticket reservations please contact Connie Kearns at Bridal Network, 339-3370.

After-Christmas sales are taking place through this week at **CLAUDINE'S** three Bay Area locations. Claudine's, well known women's specialty sportswear and evening wear stores, is also gearing up for Spring '89.

The purples and reds of this past holiday season are being put away and the new look in color for spring is navy. With over 150 manufacturers to choose from, it's safe to say that you will find several items and accessories that will look great with what you received at Christmas.

Claudine Ainsworth has spent more than 16 years in this ever

changing industry and has through the years been able to provide just that something special for her clients. In the current lines now are Robbie Sport, Leon Levin, Janan Studio, Lilli Ann and Claudine's own label in sportswear.

This time of year with more than just a nip in the air, a warm sweater is a necessity, and Claudine's provides many alternatives to dazzle and to keep warm. Daytime wear features white with black applique; for evening, black beading with classic lines and a touch of gold.

Taupes, greens, black and navy coordinates and separates all set off an array of accessories that will complete a day or evening ensemble. Evening bags, opera clutches in white beaded pearls, cloisonne brooches and dinner rings are all the perfect finishing touch to a new outfit.

From modern T-shirts to the classic knit suit the fashion consultants at Claudine's will assist you in achieving the image and projection that you want in your life.

Claudine's is located in the Montclair Village at 1967 Mountain Blvd.; store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, phone 339-8916. In Oakland at 4020 Piedmont Avenue, store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, phone 658-6220, and in Lafayette at 3645 Mt. Diablo Blvd., store hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. All stores are closed on Sunday. Special arrangements can be made for after hour fittings and showings.

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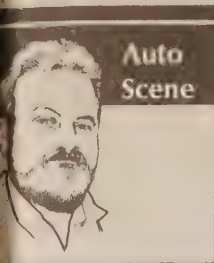
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Auto Scene

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seems that releasing information on new models early is becoming par for the course among more aggressive auto makers. It preempted the Lotus/Sable line at a gala opening nearly a year before it was shown. Now Toyota with its up-line Lexus division has released full details of its ES 250 and ES 400 models 10 months before they will be on the showroom

The battle for luxury class models, traditionally held by the Europeans in America, has long been a sore point for the Japanese. Honda was the first to tackle the luxu market with their up-line division Acura. They made significant inroads on sales of both European sports sedans and luxury tourers.

Nissan has also just entered the up-line group with their new luxury line called Infiniti. It is also due for release in late '89.

Luxury market battles

The success of Honda with their Acura line totalled over 120,000 units for 1988, which has obviously motivated others to show their hand early hoping to have buyers hold off until they have their new product in the showroom.

The Lexus ES 400 is designed to be a contender against the likes of



Toyota's new Lexus

Volvo, Audi, Mercedes, BMW and Jaguar. It is no pussycat using bits and pieces from other Toyota lines. This is intended to be Toyota's hat trick against the other two new Japanese luxury-builders.

The Lexus ES 400 has put a meaning to the term "fully optioned." The steering wheel has a tilt and telescopic adjustments, and to ease entry and exit the steering wheel automatically swings up when the ignition key is removed and returns to its previous position when the key is re-

inserted.

The leather interior is clad around 10-way power seats with power lumbar support. The front seating also has adjustable seat belt anchors positioned to accommodate varying human sizes. These can also be programmed to suit all drivers.

The ES 400 also includes all the usual luxuries of power windows, locks, automatic climate control and even includes a pre-wired cellular telephone microphone mounted in the steering hub.

The dash features a unique analog instrument package using vacuum fluorescent tubes as pointers and similar circular tubes to light the gauges and markings. The dash has a smoked glass covering which looks blank until the ignition is turned on and then takes on a lighted 3-D effect. In traditional British fashion the interior is wood trimmed, only this time it's American walnut.

The sound system has been designed for the music lover; it features a trunk mounted compact disc player which can run up to six discs at a time. The speaker systems are calibrated for either leather or cloth and fitted in accordance with the interior chosen.

Toyota has gone to great lengths to build a vehicle with an extremely low interior noise level including a super balanced two piece tailshaft, some hi-tech sound deadening techniques and

the lowest CD for a luxu sedan on the market.

Powering the rounded 0.20 CD sedan is an all-new 4.0 liter, four cam, 32 valve all-alloy V8. It socks out 250 horsepower along with 260 foot pounds of torque and delivers it to a computer-controlled four speed automatic transmission. This combo is claimed to rocket the Lexus ES 400 to 150 mph.

The transmission is specifically designed for economy and smoothness. The transmission's computer talks to the engine's computer so it will momentarily retard the ignition to reduce the engine torque and regulate internal transmission pressure to deliver super smooth shifting.

The handling and stopping departments are highly refined with double wishbones both front and rear, and you can select coil or adjustable air coil for springing. The final drive also has the first traction control system in the U.S., designed to reduce wheelspin on slippery roads by controlling braking and throttling to achieve maximum traction.

The braking system uses four wheel discs with ABS and the steering is designed as a speed-sensitive power rack and pinion with variable assist.

"Generic" Toyota look

The lower line ES250 is based

on the regular Toyota Camry. It still has that "generic" Toyota look but comes with a full package of standard features. The standard powertrain is the 24 valve Toyota V6 with either the five speed manual or four speed automatic.

Inside the interior comes with bird's eye maple trim and fabric upholstery, with leather as an option. It has all the usual up-line options fitted as standard, including a driver side air-bag and a super stereo. Its \$25,000 price tag puts it up against a stiff bunch of competitors but, like the Acura line with the Legend, it will stand on its own as a junior model.

The suspension package has the same components as the Camry, with an all independent strut layout using lower lateral arms at the front and trailing arms on the rear. Steering is through a variable-assist speed sensitive power and the ES comes with special 15-inch alloy wheels capped with 195/60R tires.

Toyota is aiming high with Lexus. It is not just another Toyota line but a complete new dealership network. Every dealership is being specially built to accommodate the franchise. They were designed by Miller Zell and Toyota's own Calty Design to attract the type of clients who buy \$40,000 automobiles.

Lexus will offer roadside assistance along with special emergency hot lines. Just as in the 30s when Duessenbergs were all tested to 100 mph, every Lexus will be hot run to 100 mph to check it for production variation.

Lexus is hoping for 90,000 units off the showroom floor in 1990 and from our first brief walk-by it looks like the Germans, Swedes and the Brits have more than enough to worry about with the \$37,000 creamer. Loaded to the gills, the ES 400 is priced just about where some of the upper end European base models start attracting customers.

The battle has begun. Acura has shown the way and now, with the other two giant Japanese manufacturers biting the bullet with their own lines of high dollar luxury class sedans, the fight for the luxury dollar just got warmed up about 50 degrees.

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McCAULOU'S Department Store in Montclair, sales clerk position, experienced person. Full-time, Women's Department, part-time. Apply in person.

RECEPTIONIST Very busy Phil Hill office. Typing, filing, light phones. Must be an energetic, energetic, people person. Salary negotiable. Call between 2-5 p.m. 893-4331, ask for Rose.

TYPIST- Clerk, part-time, transcription, Word Perfect, Microsoft, medical terminology, professional, experienced. Piedmont- Grand Ave. 839-0687.

FULL-TIME: Fine wine shop seeks competent, experienced person. Start immediately. Resume and references. Piedmont- Grand Ave. 839-0687.

WHOLE Earth Access- Berkeley general office. Apply 2950 7th St. or call Laurel 845-3000, ext. 311.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Our established East Bay health care practice has an excellent opportunity for a take charge person to control scheduling, accounts receivable, insurance and patient relations. Excellent rewards for a job well done. For interview call Stinnett Associates (408)356-3282.

EXPERIENCED clerk typist. Word processing knowledge a plus. Resume to: Jane Simonsen, 1196 Euclid Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708.

DENTAL orthodontic assistant, experience desired but will train right person. Part-time, full-time, modern, computerized, benefits. \$51-5262.

CHIROPRACTIC assistant full time needed for front office, also part-time back office assistant in body work needed, Oakland location. 482-2497.

BUSY tax office needs someone to input data, copy and mail tax returns, answer phones and generally help us stay organized. Flexible schedule. 20-25 hours week. \$5.50-\$7 hour. Computer or typing skills and figure aptitude necessary. Near BART. Must have pleasant and positive attitude. Send resume to: L. Es, 478 West MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, CA 94609

RECEPTIONIST- assistant wanted for 3-3 1/2 days per week, in Oakland Optometric office. Willing to train. 444-1981

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant needed for small business. Must be well organized self starter with good phone-customer skills. Duties include typing, filing and bookkeeping. Some familiarity with computers preferred. Resumes to: 1300- 66th Street, Emeryville, CA 94608, Attention Malsinda.

RECEPTIONIST- secretary for Albany Chiropractic office, full-time, light bookkeeping, insurance, typing, experience preferred. Send resume: Attention, Lulu, 1650 Solano, Albany, 94707.

RETAIL Salesperson, Lee Frank Jewelers. Call for appointment 843-6410

PART-TIME office manager of busy Oakland Physical therapy practice. Friendly caring environment. Monday-Thursday, 30 hours, previous billing experience a must. Need mature, responsible, friendly individual who has good effective communication skills and enjoys patients. Responsibilities include: billing, collections, registering patients, posting, call 839-0850

DEADLINES:

11:00am, Monday (Friday 3:00 pm before day weekend.)

5:00pm, Friday - Service Ads and Legal Notices.

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REGIONAL opera company seeks persons for part-time positions in marketing, public relations and fund raising with office skills. Write: MDB, 1815 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, #304, Berkeley, CA 94709. No phone calls, please.

APARTMENT house manager wanted for 18 unit building near Lake Merritt. Job may include janitorial, maintenance, rent collection. Salary negotiable. Hubert 832-8700 or George 655-5835.

ELMWOOD PHARMACY Delivery- stock person. Own car. 2900 College Ave., Berkeley. 843-8877.</

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CARPENTER-LABOR

Available in residential remodeling. Call Oakland 832-2525, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ALL-TIME miscellaneous light of a. Phones, tapes, duplicating, etc. Salary negotiable. We are detail oriented, energetic, quick learner, can type words plus and want to stay for while and grow with us. Will in. No experience required. We email but growing company audio cassette tapes, books and semi-annuals. Call Georgia at 635-1246. In person.

RELIABLE, mature person, good figures, for daily record keeping in convenient Rockridge location. 20 hours week, mornings 8:45-4:30, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call 547-4381.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Available with custom driving company. Energetic, detail oriented, person with good communication skills. Permanent, full-time. West Berkeley 832-1843.

SECRETARY for prestigious of.

Good typing skills, fast learner, excellent salary and benefits. Please resume to Box G, 6208 La Brea Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

CITY EDITOR

Editor for award winning East Bay weekly. Duties include assigning, editing stories, directing staff, coordinating freelancers. Must be experienced and have good organizational skills. Degree in Journalism or equivalent experience required. Send work samples to resume to The Editor, The Emancipator, 6208 La Salle Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE.

ART-TIME office assistant, morning

clerical skills, quick learner, home, 288-3355. L. Sue

PHOTO assistant staff member,

downtown Oakland, Monday through Wednesday, 9-2. Contact 847-3940

HEALTH Grade Physics and/or

Trigonometry tutor. Flex-hours 530-9331

RECEPTIONIST for Computer

9-5:30, answer phones, excellent computer data entry, excellent, salary negotiable. Call Lynn, 4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. 830-7800

SECRETARY-RECEPTIONIST

pleasant, well established dental planning firm in Oakland needs a Piedmont. Flexible 20 per week. Type 45 words per minute, good English-Math skills. 830-7800

HAIR-REST. Experienced

with following. Rent in Montclair skin care salon. 777-7777

TEMPORARY ACCOUNTING

Temporary assignment for tax season. Must know entry on Lotus, 10 key word. Some Word Perfect, vanety accounting tasks. Call Jan at 144-1444

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Leandro, 4 1/2 day week, Dental training or experience. Mostly chairside, answer phone, type insurance forms. Days 11:12 or 5:47-6:17 evenings.

Child Care Domestic

2 days week, Monday, Tuesday, 3-6, North Berkeley, 838-9403, car preferred.

CHILD nanny-housekeeper

for week, own transportation, English speaking. \$7 89-9573

PERSON, care for small

child, 3 days week, child references, 387-7785

CARE, part-time Berkeley,

Warm, flexible person with 2 children school. Non-smoker, car. 527-1795

SH speaking student or

part-time babysitting for room plus housework. Oakland area plus salary included. Phone evening 547-7497.

Care and housekeeping in

two hills home, 20 hours a week, 2 children, 2 and 4 years. Licensed driver with car. Baker, English speaking; references, 585-9802.

ONLY HOME COMPANIONS

for child care, housekeeping, full-time, part-time. No applicants 652-3210

Care for 6 year old girl,

housekeeping, some cooking. 24 hours a week in home for room, board, salary. 832-1828

EXPERIENCED Certified Nurses

home management, male nurse's client, own phone and car. 2 days live-in relief. Non-smoking. 635-3081 weekdays 9am-5pm Monday-Friday.

ING responsible person for

6 month old infant 3 afternoons week, experience, references preferred. Oakland, 428-1158

CLEANING, North Ber-

keley, part-time 1 day 6 hours, references, 832-1828

HOUSEKEEPER wanted. Trestle

Live-in optional. Non-smoker. Must drive. After school 2 children, ages 7 and 9. 832-1828

Care for 2 kids, Monday

Friday, 2:30-6, must have license and car. Call 530-9483

402 Child Care Domestic

CHILD care-light housekeeping. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8-3, infant experience, non-smoker, \$6 per hour. 547-0393

ROOM exchange for 10 hours child care weekly, breakfast and escort child to school, 451-3517

Housekeeper, Live In

Full-time permanent position for Oak Hills couple. Must have 5 years experience in elegant homes. Prefer mature person, Asian ok. Non-smoker, must love dogs. Some cooking. Beautiful new home with private quarters. Most weekdays. High salary. Call Vickie weekdays 832-2761

LIVE in, part-time babysitter-housekeeper. In-law unit, Oakland. Sitter preferred. 436-7694 before 10 p.m.

SITTER wanted in our Montclair home 3 days a week for 5 month old and 4 year old. Call 339-9435

MARY Poppins where are you? Seeking mature woman to care for infant in our Glenview area home. Light housekeeping, live in or out \$125 week. 530-3494

EXPERIENCED, warm, creative person to care for 2 toddlers approximately 24 hours week, in our homes. Good English, car, references negotiable. Excellent salary. Call 547-4381 or 444-6534

LOVING, dependable sitter for 4 month old. Four days a week. Non-smoker. References, some English, your own car necessary. Will consider a share arrangement. 635-0194

CHILD Care in home, 2 children (7 months and 2 1/2 years), 5 days a week, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Car and references required. Oakland 974-1515.

FULL-TIME housekeeper, child care, Mandarin speaking, some cooking. Berkeley. Likes children. Warm, loving, stable. 527-4579

BABYSITTER needed for 3 year old boy and 7 year old girl, 2:30-7:30 p.m. twice a week, usually every Monday and either Thursday or Friday, \$6 per hour. Need car. Piedmont. 835-8425.

DEVOTED babysitter needed immediately for 6 month girl, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Oakland, Montclair. References necessary, transportation preferred. 654-1027

CHILD care in Oakland hills home, Thursday, Friday afternoons, 2-6 p.m., 3 children (two school age, one infant). English speaking, own transportation preferred, references, experience. Start mid-January. 531-5315

LIVE IN, part-time companion for elderly woman in North Berkeley area. Room, board plus salary. Call Toni days at 843-5858

PART-TIME child care in Berkeley home (Elmwood) for our 17 month old son and occasionally his 5 year old brother. Approximately 25 hours per week. Pleasant environment. Experience, references, fluent English required. \$6 hour. 654-4133

CHILD care, Piedmont couple seeks loving child care professional in our home, for 1 1/2 year old girl and 6 year old boy. Housekeeping responsibilities. Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Driver's license and references required. 653-2081 after 6 p.m.

CHILD care for newborn, light housecleaning, shopping, cooking, 5 days per week, 2-6 or 7 p.m. to start; hours may vary later. Montclair 339-2646.

CHILD CARE LIVE IN

Infant girl, 12:30-5:30, 5 days, \$400 month, 530-6586

SEEKING infant to share child care with our 1 month old daughter. Full-time beginning March. North Berkeley. Florence, 524-4446

CHILD care, full-time for 2 month infant, light housekeeping, non-smoker, English speaking. 288-0358 or 632-6631

BABYSITTER for Piedmont family Two girls, 4 and 11. 25 hours week. References. 854-8021, evenings.

EUROPEAN AU PAIR to live with Upper Lakeshore family and care for 10 month old boy. Begin March. Non-smoker, English speaking, references required. 271-0747

CHILD care wanted for sick days and occasional babysitting. Mature person, 2 year old girl in our home, \$70 day. Evenings 849-4146

AU PAIR-housekeeper, live-in North Berkeley, 2 boys, 1 1/2, 7. Non-smoker. Drivers license. 526-2129, 642-4952.

CHILD Care for our cheerful two year old, mornings in our Piedmont home. Must have driver's license. Margaret, Don 896-4989

NEED energetic caring babysitter for 20 month old. Our Montclair home, 35 hours per week. 547-2024 evenings or days 339-2472.

403 Employment Exchange

MATURE, loving, responsible working woman seeking a room with loving family in exchange for evening babysitting, housecleaning. References furnished. Leave message, 743-9851.

TWO rooms, bathroom and private entrance in exchange for 50 hours babysitting per month-late afternoons and some evenings. Car necessary. Non-smoker. 452-3453

404 Work Wanted

BERKELEY High Students available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

COMPANION- Driver Secretary, cook, Alzheimer's, stroke care. Afternoons, overnight, weekends. Kind, cheerful, mature, educated. 653-0519

EUROPEAN certified nurse offers hospice and crisis intervention for people in home care. Hannah 568-9038

BONDED, quality elderly care, including light housekeeping, cooking and companionship. Certified nurses aides, practical nurses at a very reasonable rate and free assessment. Call Alex or Zany (415) 528-3903 or (415) 528-3532

ENERGETIC, reliable, young Irish American woman, banker's daughter with good references, resident Crocker Highlands, part-time college student available for housecleaning, etc. Phone Sheila 452-3261

ELDER Care- Companion. Excellent references and experience. Call Elisabeth 653-6407. (Live out preferred)

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601 Home Furnishings

CHILD CRAFT crib- youth bed, excellent condition, white with natural wood, 5 drawers, \$250. Also high chair, stroller, port-a-crib. 261-2120

KENMORE heavy duty washer and dryer, 8 months old, white, \$500, 631-0276

DINING table (brass and glass), 4 highback chairs, 6 months old, original price \$1200, moving, must sell. Make offer. 658-3740

MOVING, must sell: couch, dining set, desk, pool table, television, microwave, much more. Call Maureen 339-0821 after 6

DESK \$100 Dresser \$200 Night table \$50 or offer. Call 525-5253 evening

602 Antiques Art

Estate Unlimited Dissolve estates- household furnishings- Fast, highest \$\$. Free home consultations specializing in antiques and antique appraisal. Also locating and consultant service. 523-7061; 530-0904 if no answer, leave message

OAK roll-top desk \$3800, Rosewood tall hutch beveled leaded glass Carrara marble buffet \$3900. 527-3760

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603 Garage Sale

BIG MOVING SALE! Chairs, tables, iron, desk, kitchen stuff, 10-4 weekends, 421 Gilbert St., #305; during week call 547-0443

ESTATE SALE. Furniture: Chairs, lamps, sofa, bedroom set, etc. Sunday, January 15th, 10 a.m. 5167 Parkridge Drive, Oakland. 530-4460

MOVING SALE Moraga Country Club home filled with quality furniture and antiques is Something To Sell About. Our first sale of 1989 includes: dining room set with table, 6 chairs and bar, antique oak sideboard, large oak hall tree, dining table, mahogany gateleg table, breakfast set with 6 rush seat chairs, Ethan Allen loveseat and matching wing-back chair, 2 antique rockers, curo cabinet, assorted coffee, end and occasional tables, desk, file cabinet, antique oak dining table, antique plant stands, complete master bedroom suite by Thomasville, additional bedroom sets plus 2 antique dressers with beveled mirrors, antique oak sewing machine, Victorian side chair, attractive stereo console, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Outstanding array of house plants, redwood and wrought iron patio furniture, assorted lamps, pictures, paintings, china, glassware and household miscellaneous from the kitchen to the garage. We have made an addition of fine estate jewelry including diamond rings, bracelets, watches and brooches, etc. to be sold at this location. January 14- 15, 9:30-4 p.m., 1807 St. Andrews Drive, Moraga (Highway 24, Orinda). Moraga exit, right on Moraga exit, right on St. Andrews Drive through the Moraga Country Club to sale

MOVING Sale, Saturday 9-3. Antiques, oriental rugs, furniture, etc. 1895 Leimert Blvd downstairs

ROLLAWAY bed, file cabinet, records, miscellaneous, skis- rack. January 14, 672 Blair, Piedmont, 9-3

GARAGE Sale: Major appliances, jigsaw, queen bed, quilt, lawn mower, clothing, lawn mower, Weedeater, miscellaneous, Saturday, January 14, 10-1, 27 Arroyo, Piedmont

MOVING, Oakland Hills Tennis Club family membership, \$600 Call 974-5452

OAKLAND Athletic Club membership, \$100. Call Liz at 835-8751.

OAKLAND Hills Tennis and Swim membership, \$700. New features: Nautilus facility and lap pool begin construction in April. 462-3799.

REGULAR size office desk, sofa, stove and water cooler. All in good condition. Afternoons 525-1220.

REMODELING- 27" stove, dishwasher, built in washing machine, microwave. 339-0361

ENTERTAINMENT 1989 coupon books. Gifts \$35 each. Visa, MasterCard. Save dinners, shows, sports. 528-3819

WASHER, dryer, oriental rugs and miscellaneous. good deals, 653-9732 leave message

605 Musical Instruments

VIOLIN 13-3/4", German made (Franz Placht) with bow, appraised at \$1150. 654-2898

606 Pets Supplies

WEDGEMOOR stove, single oven, 4 burners plus griddle, 2500 or best offer. 451-6796

WICKER furniture, top quality at warehouse liquidation prices. Custom upholstery, paint. Decorators welcome. 436-4536, 436-4661.

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Sunny Lake Merritt New and renovated apartments in prime locations surrounding Lake Merritt. Classic Victorian, art deco and light contemporary styles to fit your needs. Studios \$395-\$475, 1 bedrooms \$495-\$695, 2 bedrooms \$600. View any or all of these descriptions in our listings. Call for a viewing with a single call to 452-2944.

NORTH Oakland, sunny, spacious, restored Victorian, second floor, 1 bedroom flat, private garage, on quiet tree-lined street, \$525, 548-7515

COZY studio in private Montclair home. Has private entrance, bath, new kitchenette. Quiet, non-smoker. Call 339-3920 leave message

WEST Oakland, Market Street near 26th Spacious 6 room apartment, 2 bedrooms, newly painted, appliances, hardwood floors, large storage area and yard. No garage, no pets, \$600 month, first, last plus \$300 deposit. Call 483-5577 evenings between 6-9 only

LARGE 1 bedroom apartment, small building near Lake Merritt. Must see! \$525 465-7500, Teri Patience

OWNER maintained private 1 bedroom near Piedmont Ave. Clean, large closet. No pets \$475 655-3433

TREETOP apartment, Glenview area, Victorian charm, modern kitchen, 1 bedroom plus study, hardwood floors, canyon view, creek, deck, ideal for couple, utilities included, laundry. \$900 531-5305

SUNNY 1 bedroom near Piedmont Avenue, underground parking in small building, full appliances, wall to wall carpet. \$590 month 428-9217

UNIQUE 1 bedroom mother-in-law unit in very safe residential neighborhood, off-street parking, \$670 428-9217

ONE bedroom, spacious living room, kitchen, patio, 1 car parking (garage not included), Duplex apartment. \$485. 635-5335 call after 4

DIMOND district Clean, quiet, private 1 bedroom in-law cottage \$600 month to month plus security cleaning fees, 54-6198 leave message

MARINA Village, Alameda. Stunning two bedroom, 2 bath, on waterfront, brand new. \$1495 month 865-1644

ONE bedroom in Adam's Point at 365 Warwick. Completely redecorated in building of quiet residents. \$550 Call 934-3366 between 6-10 p.m

SAVE \$ WE PAY HEATI Vernon Manner, immaculate building, pool, elevator, 1 bedroom apartment. \$344-2507

LARGE sunny 1 bedroom with lots of closets and windows, carpeting, Levolors, must see, 268-8714

PIEDMONT border two bedroom, carpets, Levolors, cable, dining area, garage parking. \$55-5154

BEAUTIFUL art deco one bedroom, bay windows, decorative fireplace, walk to Grand Lake Theatre, shopping, easy access to freeway and BART. 268-8714

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ONE bedroom, all electric kitchen, Berkeley- Oakland border, cable television, carpets, Levolors. Shirley 655-3854

BEAUTIFUL 1100 square feet, one bedroom in fourplex off Piedmont Avenue. Very sunny, hardwood floors, dining room, view. \$750 Call Wendy, 763-7530

ONE bedroom, immaculate, secure, large, sunny, quiet. New paint, carpets, blinds, appliances, disposal. Paid water and garbage. Laundry facility. Parking. \$490. Near Fruitvale Ave. and East 27th Street 562-5009

ONE bedroom with balcony, Piedmont area. Security building and parking \$530 654-8503

TWO bedrooms, new carpet, drapes, stove, refrigerator in apartment with view. Wall to wall carpeting, separate entrance, 2 car garage \$500 Bill 339-9710

MONTCLAIR in-law woodsy 1 bedroom apartment with view. Wall to wall carpeting, separate entrance, 2 car garage \$500 Bill 339-9710

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NORTH OAKLAND Three small, old buildings 1072-60th St. \$550. 1039-45th St. \$475 2815 Harrison St. \$525 Ideal for graduate student or the self-employed, who desire extensive and well designed built-ins for office or computer work stations at home. Will remodel to suit. Your pet may be okay too. Call owner Arthur Pritchard 452-1045

LARGE, glamorous 1 bedroom near Piedmont and shopping Great area \$700 Call 550-8672

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531-6018

CHETWOOD- Move-in bonus, Oakland/Piedmont area. Nice units in modern building with garage, elevator, laundry. Call Tony or Linda 653-4839

VERNON ST.-Move-in bonus. Near Lake in Adams Point. Spacious units in modern building with garage, laundry, pool, elevator. Excellent value. Call Rhonda 632-6320

MONT VISTA-Best Oakland-Piedmont location. Very large, nice units in quality modern building with garage, elevator, sauna, laundry on each floor, dishwasher, balconies. Call Tony 653-4839

BELLEVUE-Top Lake Merritt location. Very nice units in quality modern building with garage, dishwasher, balconies. Call Mary 634-5238

ADAMS POINT- Two bedroom, enclosed courtyard, spacious closets, \$625. Parking available. Seniors encouraged to apply. Call Ann 634-6636

PALM AVE.- Deluxe 1 bedroom apartment, all electric kitchen, large closets, convenient location. \$475 Call Ann 634-6636

MERRITT AVE.-Studio \$425 month. "Old World Charm." Upstairs apartment, Lake view. Call Linda 634-5848

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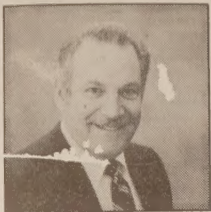
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will convene at 11:30 a.m. at the Citicorp Savings Bank in Richmond.

Grizzly Peak Flyfishers

The Flyfishers will sponsor a *Fly Fishing Skills Fair* on Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kensington Youth Hut next to the Kensington Library.

The program will include fly casting, fly tying, rod building, places to fish, knot tying and entomology. The public is welcome, admission is free and refreshments will be served. For further information call 524-9532 evenings and 527-2542 days.

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Mother of Perpetual Help Institute, Young Ladies Institute, of El Cerrito will hold their annual card party for the benefit of the Carmelite Sister in Kensington on Jan. 15 at St. Jerome's Hall, El Cerrito.

Refreshments will be served at 1:30 p.m. with card playing until 4 p.m. Guests may play bridge, whist or other card games. Admission is \$3 per person. For reservations call Frances Chavez at 524-7442 or Marian Nicoli at 526-3911.

El Cerrito Democratic Club

The club will hold its monthly meeting on Jan. 24 at Castro Park Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. There will be an executive board meeting from 7 to 7:30 p.m. All registered Democrats are invited and Campaign '88 volunteers are especially welcome.

Topics will include planning for 1989, election of officers and preparation for the CDC convention in Oakland in May.

For further information call John Dunn, club president, at 525-5428.

Golden Gate Weavers' Guild

Gail Rossi and two artisans from Guizhou, China, will be featured at a guild meeting on Jan. 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Berkeley. The will discuss and show slides of the embroidery, batik and weaving of Guizhou. Guests will be asked for a \$2 donation.

City Commons Club

Mel Wax, Director of Public Affairs for the Port of Oakland, will speak at the Jan. 13 meeting on *The Port of Oakland and Its Future*.

Visitors are welcome. Call Nick at 841-5575 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for reservations and further information.

Richmond-El Cerrito AAUW

The American Association of University Women will hold a joint meeting with the Berkeley branch on Jan. 21 at 11:45 a.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley. A full lunch will be served at noon. Reservations may be made by calling Helen Myers at 652-8396 by Jan. 12. Mary Jeffers, East Bay Regional Park Director, Lisa Heschong, architectural designer, and Rosemary Corbin, Richmond City Councilwoman, will discuss the proposed eastshore development project at the 1 p.m. program.



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Tale of two tramps probes human existence in Berkeley Rep's *Godot*

By Barbara Hulley

Monday morning. The alarm drones. You move into the daily grind, the wait for traffic, the mug of steaming, life-saving coffee.

Like the tramps in Beckett's *Waiting for Godot*, who spend their days waiting for a visit from Godot, you are endlessly impatient, endlessly waiting...for what?

Berkeley Rep's luminescent staging of *Godot* highlights the grooves and ruts of daily life, with its clinging to the familiar

Theater

and its uncertainty about the future.

Unlike the recent New York production, with stars Robin Williams and Steve Martin hamming it up in a way few mortals can achieve, director Anthony Taccone's version tones down both the comedy and the tragedy, aiming for the rhythms of everyday routines.

Even the physical clowning, written into the script and reminiscent of the mime comedy of silent films, is downplayed. The loud overtones are stripped to a bare minimum, resulting in an eerie emptiness.

The tramps Vladimir (Laurence Ballard) and Estragon (Peter Silbert) are completely isolated on Kate Edmunds' flat slab of grey concrete, presenting man stripped of the comforts of civilization.

Labelled "tragicomedy" (Beckett coined the word in 1948), the play is as relevant in today's age of nuclear weapons as it was when written about the horrors of World War II.

It chronicles the roamings of two men eating turnips and carrots in an empty, desolate land. In this production, a blatantly artificial moon and thin, weak tree are testaments to a nature gone awry, somehow distorted.

The stage is a vision of post-nuclear horror, an isolated future in the aftermath of annihilation.

However, while the play is often touted as an ultimate statement of pessimism and existentialism, Beckett maintains a faith in the enduring quality of human nature, presented well by director Taccone.

The tramps are like an old married couple — trying to leave each other, but always hanging on. They amuse each other through the dull days of "What do we do now?" with songs, games and story-telling.

Silbert and Ballard weave seamlessly in and out of moods, as they turn Beckett's often nonsensical words into a web of feeling and nuance. While the audience may not always understand what they're saying, the two men make each word meaningful by transforming the dialogue into complex shadings of anger, humor and affection.

The play is so fully loaded — a stream-of-consciousness dialogue with a multiplicity of nuance, timeless tramps who could stand for Everyman, and an obviously meaningful plot about man's wait for God(ot) — that a truly terrible staging would be difficult to manage. At the same time, a really outstanding production is just as unusual — how can one get a grasp on the play that has everything?

Taccone glides over these complications, relying on the unerring instincts of his performers, who manage to suggest the layers of multiple meaning inherent in the script.

Silbert and Ballard are here in their 28th production together, and their shared history enhances the sparsely-written relationship between the tramps. Estragon's whining grouching about his shoes being too small is perfectly balanced by Vladimir's self-

conscious importance. Their characters are more fleshed-out and complex than more fully created characters in other plays.

Michael McShane, an energetic, beefy local comic, and Mark Petrakis enter briefly as Pozzo and Lucky, a pair who parallel the friendship of the two tramps.

Here, the relationship has become unbalanced, with Pozzo the master and Lucky the slave. Pozzo's command, "Think!"

produces one of the most powerful episodes in the play: Lucky's response is to release a volcanic babble of repressed thought which, though taking no more than five minutes, seems to last forever. The audience sits helplessly, awash in the power of the mind to distort thought.

The play moves at a quirky, uneven pace. It keeps the audience edgy, waiting uncomfortably for the next unpredictable twist.

The precarious balance of opposites is Beckett's genius: In a plot that seems to be going nowhere, he manages to sustain suspense. What's next?

The characters simultaneously keep to a familiar routine, yet change moods rapidly. The play suggests our universal despair and isolation — a grey landscape in which two tramps alternately reject and reaffirm their friendship.

Large-scale existential questions are brought to pensive, brooding life in this first-rate production.

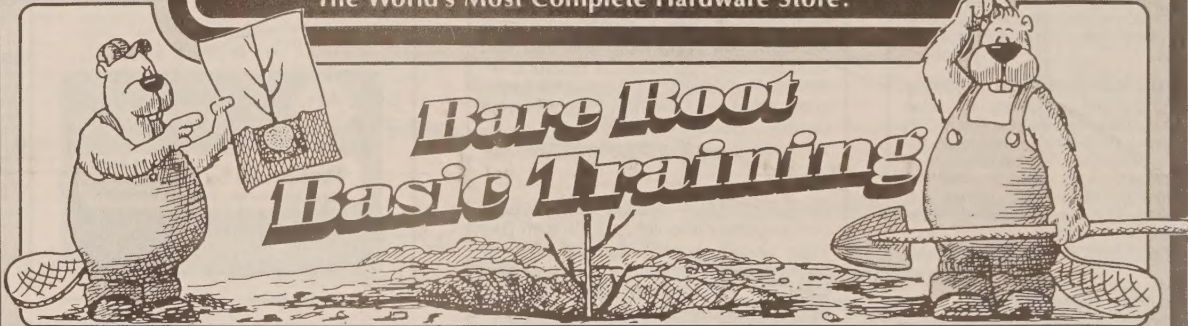
And, like Vladimir, perhaps you too will see *Godot* and marvel at the false, but so beautiful, circular moon, and smile at the buds growing on the barren tree.



Mark Petrakis as Lucky (center) is constrained by tramp Vladimir (Laurence Ballard, left) and Michael McShane as Pozzo (right) while Peter Silbert as Estragon (far right) cringes at the noise of Lucky's scream in Berkeley Rep's *Waiting for Godot*.

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